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MORE and more there are certain practices becoming accepted by the peoples of the world in the daily routine of living.

Fabrications such as, "If you answer the phone, tell them I'm not here."

Misrepresentations such as, "I can't stand those people; give them any reason that we can't join them for the evening."

Insincerity such as, "I have been to so many meetings, make up something so we can spend tonight at home."

All of these are classed in the modern mind as excuses.

But in the mind of the righteous, the perfected, the ones who are really trying to live as celestially as possible, they are outright prevarications.

When President David O. McKay, his wife, family and party were planning to come to London, an airline strike developed and the major transcontinental airlines were affected.

Hence, it was necessary for the President and his party to leave one day late and then come by way of a little-known airline across the Atlantic.

It was a slower plane by two hours than the regular service the Church generally uses. But the personnel were wonderful to the party and gave them every consideration.

Return transportation was booked by way of reservation on the same line.

During the week the President and his party were in Britain, the strike was broken and usual airline services became available.

The larger airline that services much of the transportation needs of the Church called and wanted to take President McKay and his party back to America. "It would save two hours in crossing the Atlantic," they said.

The President was approached in my presence for a decision. What an example of honour and integrity came in the answer. What a remarkable return to the old-fashioned honesty. What a perfection of person in his thinking, as he said:

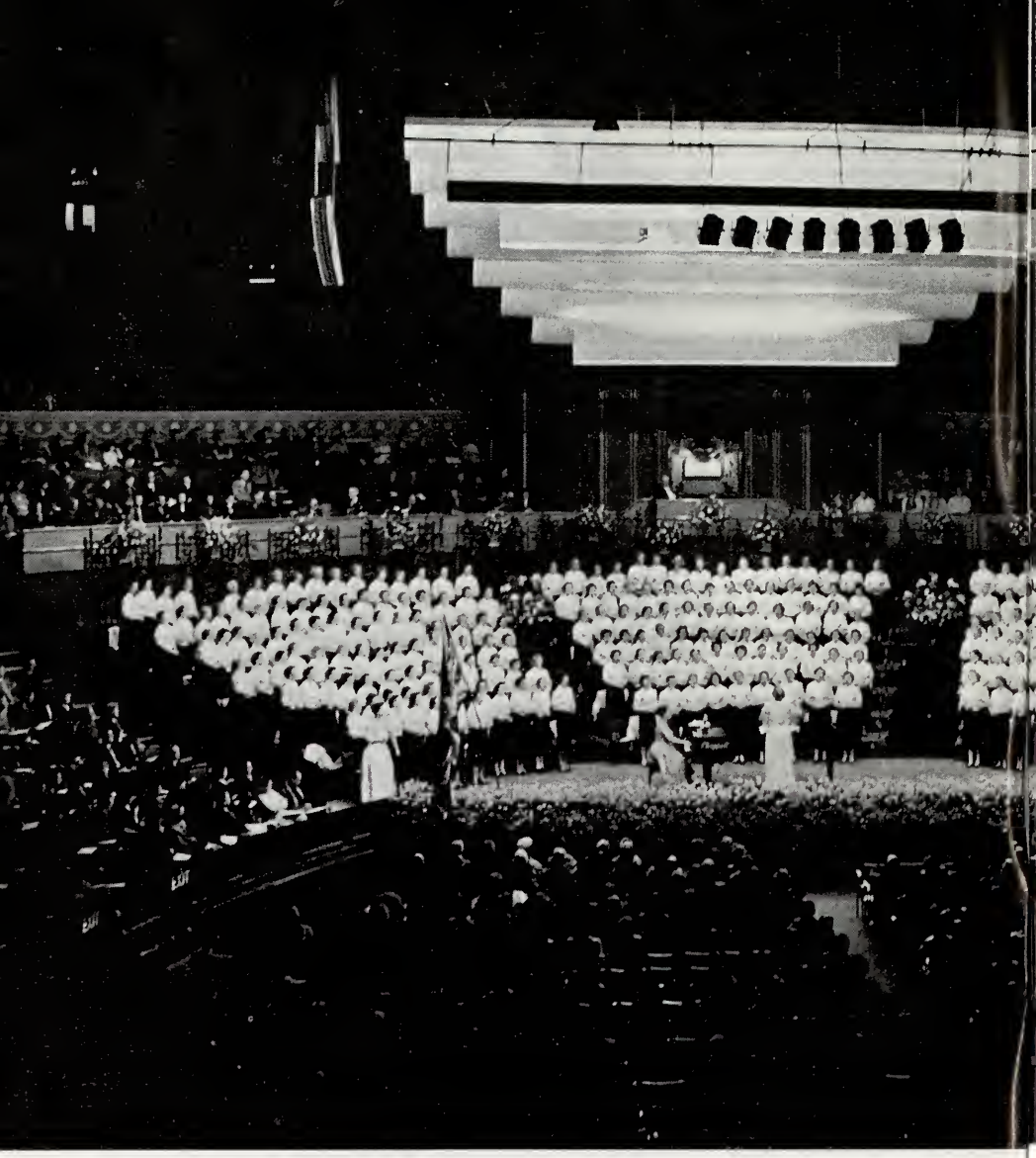
"We made our reservation to return with the line that brought us, and a reservation is our word and our word is our bond. If it took longer than two hours, it would not change our bound honour. We will return as we came."

Honesty is not only the best policy; it is the only policy with the Prophet, who is with honour in his own country as he is in the world because he stands as an example of honesty, integrity and honour down to the finest point of perfection.

T.B.W.

Editorial —

Perfection of a prophet



Singing Mothers performing in the Royal Albert Hall, London

"Music is International . . ."

The Story of the triumphant Singing Mothers tour of Great Britain

by Pamela Johnson

MONTHS of rehearsal and planning were culminated on February 22 when Singing Mothers from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the United States arrived in London to prepare for their nation-wide tour.

From early morning the sisters began assembling in London. Those from the London District prepared for their television performance whilst those from Manchester, Hull and Doncaster travelled to Southampton together with President and Sister T. Bowring Woodbury, Dr. Frank Madsen, Sister Myrtle Wentworth, Elder Maurice Barnes and representatives from the J. Walter Thompson Agency to meet Sister Belle S. Spafford, President and Sister James Cullimore of the Central British Mission and their daughter Nancy, and the American Singing Mothers.

Excitement mounted as the sisters waited on the quayside for the arrival of the *Queen Mary,* and as the ship loomed up in the misty winter twilight, the English sisters' voices floated across the rapidly decreasing gap between dock and ship greeting the American sisters with the favourite hymn, " The Morning Breaks."

Later, as the ship berthed, the American sisters responded with " Now Let Us Rejoice," and the voices of the two troups mingled. For the first time in the 119 years since the Relief Society was organised the miles separating the old world from the new had been bridged in song.

New Friendships Formed

After the American party had passed through customs they were greeted at the train by the English sisters, who presented their counterparts with corsages of white carnation. To a casual observer it would have appeared as though old and dear friends were being reunited instead of complete strangers meeting for the first time. They opened their hearts to each other and embraced as true sisters in the Gospel. What did it matter if first names could not be remembered—" Love " and " Honey " proved quite sufficient.

As the train steamed out of the station, experiences of rehearsals were exchanged and photographs of homes

and families shown. The common tie of motherhood and love of the Gospel obliterated regional traits.

Throughout that journey one name was repeated constantly, that of Sister Madsen. " She took us as magpies and made us nightingales." " Her patience and understanding are phenomenal." " We did not know we could sing until she made us." " It was as though she could read our minds and instinctively knew when we needed to be reprimanded, praised, comforted or encouraged." Such were the opinions expressed on that first journey together.

At 8.36 p.m. the train arrived at Waterloo Station where President and Sister Alvin R. Dyer, Sister Madsen and the remainder of the British Singing Mothers were awaiting to serenade the new arrivals with " Come, Come, Ye Saints." Again the scenes of heartfelt welcome displayed earlier were repeated, and the group, now become one, dispersed to its hotels.

Two days of intensive rehearsal followed, and right from the beginning the results of the months of hard work were apparent. Each voice fitted into place exactly as the pieces in a puzzle. The widely varying accents were hidden in the subtle blending of the voices, and from the first notes it sounded as though this was a choir which had sung together for many years. Any slight apprehension which the sisters may have felt disappeared when, despite the strange surroundings, they recognised afresh the genius of their leader as she sang with them the songs which had become so familiar.

Sunday morning was cold and bleak, but as the congregation assembled in the Hyde Park Chapel to participate in the dedicatory service, the radiance which illuminated the face of our beloved Prophet truly inspired the sisters as they rose to sing, " The Morning Breaks, the Shadows Flee," and, as if at a signal, the sun broke through the troubled clouds and streamed in through the windows lighting the sisters' hair with a golden aura as if to signify divine approval. The congregation listened entranced. It was as though the sisters had been transformed from ordinary wives and mothers and given the voices of angels.

Royal Albert Hall Opening Concert

Built by a devoted wife and mother in memory of the husband she loved so dearly, the Royal Albert Hall in London was a fitting place for the Singing Mothers to make their first public appearance, and it is an awe-inspiring building. The seemingly endless rows of seats and tiers of boxes can give stage fright to the seasoned performer, and many hearts went out to the sisters as they sat on the platform in the vast auditorium waiting for the concert to begin. A thrilling moment came when President David O. McKay took his place in the Royal Box and the entire audience rose to honour the greatest man on earth. Confidence returned to the sisters, their Prophet was with them and all would be well.

At the beginning of the concert the audience, which included about 1,200 contacts brought by the missionaries, was unresponsive, but the undoubted talent of the performers penetrated their hearts and soon every number was receiving enthusiastic applause.

Elder Frank W. Asper soon proved himself master of an unfamiliar instrument, and numbers by soloists Annette Richardson Dinwoodey, Jean Taverner, Reva Blair and Blanche Wilson brought plaudits from the audience. The staff of the Royal Albert Hall cherish happy memories of the out-

standing concert given by the Tabernacle Choir during their European tour in 1955. They expected the standard of excellence to be maintained by this new choir, and far from being disappointed, many of them said it was the finest women's choir ever to be heard in the hall.

On the Road to Manchester

Early calls for 5.15 a.m. were placed for the following morning, and the sisters boarded their coaches for Manchester happy in the knowledge of their outstanding success the previous evening. On the journey some settled down to rest, others talked and found friends in common and yet others, especially the American sisters, were intent in seeing as much as possible of the countryside. Driving north the weather changed from beautiful spring sunshine to rain, and Manchester lived up to her reputation by giving the visitors the traditional wet welcome.

The Manchester Free Trade Hall has built an enviable reputation as being the home of the best in choral singing, and the north has long been noted for its fine choirs. There was, however, nothing distant or unfriendly about the audience.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester attended the concert together with other civic dignitaries, and was presented with a scroll of greeting from the governor of Utah by Sister Mary Ann Clyde, the daughter of the governor, who is serving as a missionary in the British Mission.

" We could feel the warmth and love coming across to us before we even sang a note," was the opinion expressed by the sisters.

Manchester Plaudits

So enthusiastic was the reception that both Sister Dinwoodey and Sister Taverner sang encores and Sister Madsen took the unprecedented step of asking the audience to join in singing the first verse of " Come, Come, Ye Saints." This wonderful beginning brought to mind the phrase: " What Manchester does today the rest of the world does tomorrow," which might be paraphrased as, " What Manchester likes today, the rest of the country will too."

The wet weather could not dampen the warm welcome given by the Mancunians, and it was a happy group which left the city on March 1 bound for Nottingham. Once clear of the city the sun began shining and the drive through the Derbyshire Peak District to Nottingham was exceptionally pleasant. The sisters were more relaxed and confident after their success in Manchester and were able to thoroughly enjoy their ride.

The weather in Nottingham was glorious, and many of the sisters were looking forward to the opportunity of a short walk in the spring sunshine to their hotels after the rehearsal at the Albert Hall.

The Nottingham Singing Mothers had ordered a 60 by 90 inch tablecloth for Sister Madsen with a design of roses and a nine inch border of Nottingham lace which was presented to her by the Leicester Stake Relief Society president, Hilda Storer, at the rehearsal.

The Albert Hall was crowded for the concert and a sure sign of the success of the tour were the number of saints who had enjoyed the concert in Manchester so much that they travelled to Nottingham for a repeat performance.

Unfortunately, Reva Blair was sick and was unable to appear, but at short notice Blanche Wilson was deputised and played the " Meditation " from *Thais* by Massenet beautifully.

As the 50 American Singing Mothers near the docks of Southampton on the Queen Mary, *the British Mothers wave and sing a joyous greeting*

Asper Encores In Nottingham

Brother Asper's organ solos were enthusiastically received, and he was recalled for an encore. Sister Dinwoodey's rich contralto voice thrilled the audience, who were also delighted to welcome Sister Taverner, who was born in Leicester.

As the sisters had to be accommodated in 24 hotels scattered throughout Nottingham, it appeared an impossible task to collect them all for the long journey to Cardiff, but they were ready and waiting for the coaches as instructed and made an early start on the 200 mile drive.

Again the sisters were blessed with beautiful unseasonable weather, and the ride through the Malvern Hills and the country around Ledbury, so rich in Church history, added to the pleasure of the journey. The trees were bursting into blossom, and the countryside was looking at its best.

The concert in Cardiff was to be held in the Sophia Gardens Pavilion which, although in the centre of the city, is situated in a beautiful park through which the River Taff flows. The hall was decorated with spring flowers, and as the sisters took their places it was rapidly filling with an audience which had travelled from as far afield as Worcester, Somerset and Gloucester as well as many places in Wales.

This was the "land of song." The Welsh are notoriously critical of choral singing, and it is either a brave choir or a good one which dares to sing in Wales. Right from the beginning the sisters knew that the Welsh people liked their singing and could appreciate the

enormous amount of work they had put forth to make such a polished performance. The duet by Sisters Taverner and Dinwoodey, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," brought cheers from the vast audience, who had been brought up on the best in sacred music.

Welsh Audience Moved to Tears

One of the numbers on the programme, "Home, Sweet Home," was so beautifully sung that many in the audience were moved to tears as were the sisters to whom the song brought poignant memories of the homes and loved ones they had left behind. At the end of the concert the audience rose to cheer and applaud. "Come again," was the invitation offered. "We want to hear more from you. When will you come back again?"

A permanent memento of the triumph in Wales was given Sister Madsen when with obvious delight she accepted from Brother Ralph Pulman a doll dressed in Welsh national costume. Smaller dolls were also presented to Sister Zesta Geisler and the soloists.

So reluctant were the audience to bid farewell that many of them waited to cheer and wave to the sisters as they left in their coaches.

Because of the early start planned for Friday morning, luggage had to be put outside hotel rooms for collection by 11.00 p.m. and calls for 5.00 a.m. requested.

It was still dark as the party boarded the buses which were to take them to the train where they would be able to eat breakfast.

The nine-hour journey passed very quickly—the sisters were able to spend the time knitting, sewing, resting and collecting autographs.

The presence of Sister Spafford on the tour was put to excellent use, and for much of the day she graciously discussed Relief Society affairs with her sisters, who were impressed with her patience and the understanding she showed of the difficulties which can be encountered in organising Relief Societies in small branches.

Then a few days of concentrated rehearsal

Through an absolute concentration on the conductor, Sister Madsen, and a thorough mastery of the songs, 250 women sang united as one

The Scottish sisters enlivened the journey with impromptu skits, and for many of the American sisters it was the first time they had heard an authentic Scottish voice. Many of them remarked that as one walked along the corridors of the train one could hear a dozen or more different accents spoken, yet these completely disappeared when the sisters sang.

Newcastle Lord Mayor Enthralled

The Newcastle City Hall with its fine organ was the setting for the next concert, which was attended by the Lord Mayor (Alderman Mrs. Gladys Robson) and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle.

The Mayoral party was due to leave the concert at 9.00 p.m. because of another engagement at a charity ball, but the Lord Mayor was so enthralled by the performance that she remained to the end of the concert so she could meet the sisters and congratulate them personally. She said that the Singing Mothers Choir was the finest ever to visit the city.

Brother Asper's organ solos were so well received that had time permitted the audience would have demanded encores from him all evening. Although the audience was smaller than others on the tour, the heartfelt welcome and enthusiastic applause given by the music-loving Tynesiders endeared them to the visitors' hearts.

Recreation in Edinburgh

Although the tour was geared to a tight schedule, there was a little time for relaxation, and March 4 was an easy day. After driving to Edinburgh

in the morning, a sight-seeing tour of the city was arranged. The weather was colder in this northern city, but it was still milder than usual for the time of year.

During the evening many of the sisters assembled in one of the hotels for an impromptu social. Hitherto hidden talents were brought to the fore and songs and stories from both sides of the Atlantic were shared.

The stars of the show were the Scottish guests. The Scottish Singing Mothers presented two skits which proved how quickly the language barrier had been overcome, for the American sisters laughed just as much at the jokes as those more familiar with Scottish voices. Some of the brethren from the Edinburgh Branch sang well-known Scottish songs. Dennis Clancy, Scottish television star and member of Dundee Branch arrived unexpectedly and delighted the sisters with his singing. The American sisters were fascinated by his kilt, sporran and skein dhu, and began wondering if they should venture to take home kilts for their husbands to wear. Brother Clancy and his manager, Brother Ross, were about to leave for a tour of the United States, and judging by the reception given them by the sisters, they should be tremendously successful at their engagements in Utah.

Because of the large numbers, the Edinburgh Branch Chapel was inadequate to accommodate all who wished to attend testimony meeting, so a hall in the centre of the city was hired. President and Sister Brockbank of the Scottish-Irish Mission were able to be

Eyes riveted to Sister Madsen, the Singing Mothers give another flawless and inspiring rendition

present, and added their testimonies to the many others which were borne. The two hours allowed for testimonies proved far too short, and frequently seven or eight sisters rose to speak simultaneously.

The branch presidency expressed the wish that the sisters would sing in place of the customary closing song by the congregation, and the sisters sang "Peace I leave With You," a fitting close to a meeting in which much joy and happiness had been expressed for the blessings which had been experienced since the idea of the tour had first been suggested.

A few minutes were available before the coaches were to leave, so the sisters were able to get acquainted with their hosts. The kilted brethren attracted the most attention. Five small boys, the sons of the members, found to their surprise that their usual Sunday clothes made them the cynosure of all eyes, and they shyly faced a bewildering battery of cameras.

Dr. Frank W. Asper, the organist, with his wife Ellen

Glasgow a Huge Success

The next stage of the tour was regarded with some trepidation, because recently a number of unfavourable newspaper reports had appeared in print. Instead of the normal practice of each of the seven coaches travelling independently, they drove to the city in convoy. This certainly attracted attention, but it was of the most friendly kind. The press were anxiously waiting for the coaches to arrive, and asked the sisters to pose for pictures in the picturesque Kelvin Grove Park.

St. Andrew's Hall, a fine modern concert hall, was almost filled when the choir took their places. The sisters were ready to give of their best, but were a little surprised when instead of the usual applause the audience sat in stony silence after the first number. The reception for the second number was more like the vociferous response received in other towns, and it was soon apparent that the audience was warming to the sisters. By the time Brother Asper had been recalled for an encore, Glasgow had been completely won over.

Sister Madsen occasionally invited the audience to sing one verse of "Come, Come, Ye Saints" after the sisters had finished their version, and it was interesting to note the number of people who sang the words from the programme. Most of the saints learn the words within a short time of joining the Church, and those who are unfamiliar with them are generally those who have little contact with the Church. It was interesting to note that as the Glasgow audience stood to sing their favourite pioneer hymn, more people needed to read the words than at any concert since London.

At the end of the concert Sister Madsen and Brother Asper were presented with plaid travelling rugs by the Scottish District to mark the gratitude felt for bringing the choir to Glasgow.

Several of the missionaries thanked the sisters after the concert for the work they had done to soften the hearts of the people. All Glasgow knows of the Mormons, and the choir has done much to break down prejudice.

Loch Lomond Visited

A tour of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs was planned for the next day, and Elder Maurice Barnes surprised and delighted both guests and staff at the hotel by appearing at breakfast the next morning wearing a kilt. He obligingly posed for pictures outside the hotel with Brother Clancy, Brother Ross and President and Sister T. Bowring Woodbury, who had arrived from Leicester to join the sisters for the rest of the tour.

To set the scene for the day's journey, which was through some of the loveliest Scottish countryside, a fine rain was falling and low clouds hung heavily over the snow-capped hills. Later, the sun penetrated the clouds and some spectacular views of the lochs and bracken-covered hills were enjoyed.

A tele-recording was due to be shown at 1.40 that afternoon, and at precisely that time two coaches were passing some isolated Highland cottages. Elder Barnes asked the driver to stop, and asked the astounded lady of one of the houses if the sisters could come in to see themselves on television. She and her neighbour obligingly opened their homes and allowed as many as possible to crowd into their tiny living rooms. Souvenir programmes were left with them to remind them of the day when more Mormons than they had imagined existed were guests in their homes.

An Exceptionally Friendly Press

The return drive to Glasgow under grey and leaden skies was notable for the way people in the streets looked and pointed at the coaches. Throughout the tour the coaches had been prominently labelled "Mormon Singing Mothers," and had attracted some attention, but this was different. People were stopping in the streets to point, smile and wave, and the reason for this extra attention was obvious when copies of the *Glasgow Evening Citizen* were obtained at the docks. The entire front and back pages were given up to pictures and stories about the tour and the Church. The newspaper proprietors had thought sufficient of the goodwill brought by the sisters to oust the world news and to offer the thanks of the citizens of Glasgow for the beautiful singing of the representatives of the Church they had recently been castigating.

The sisters boarded the *s.s. Royal Scotsman* with the faith that the Lord would continue to bless them with the favourable weather they had enjoyed throughout the tour. The crew, when questioned, were astonished at the weather forecasts, and assured everyone that this would be an exceptionally smooth crossing. When the ship sailed at 10 p.m., some of the Scots were on the quayside to say good-bye and wish the sisters success in Ireland. The sisters crowded the decks to add their thanks for the hospitality shown them in Scotland. So in spite of the treacherous reputation of the Irish Sea, most of the passengers slept as comfortably as if they were in their own beds at home.

Enthusiastic Reception in Belfast

As the ship docked at Belfast in the early morning, some of the Irish saints were waiting to come on board to welcome the visitors. For some of them it had meant rising at 4 a.m., but they were so overjoyed to welcome the Singing Mothers to the Emerald Isle that they counted themselves blessed to be able to come to the ship.

After breakfast the party, which included President and Sister Bernard P. Brockbank, boarded coaches for a tour of the Northern Irish coast. Again the weather was glorious, and the brilliant yellow bloom of the gorse hedges set against the green fields and the calm sea on the horizon showed the Emerald Isle at its best.

At noon the coaches arrived in Bangor, where the party was welcomed by officials from the Bangor Borough Council. Because of the large numbers it had been impossible for everyone to be accommodated in the same hotel on the tour, but on this occasion the ballroom in the Ship Hotel had been turned into a dining-room so that the sisters could enjoy a meal together.

After lunch the honoured guests made speeches of welcome. Councillor Mrs. Levine, Chairman of Bangor's Entertainments and Publicity Committee, spoke of the attractions of the town and presented each of the sisters with a souvenir guide-book on the resort. Mr. Frizell, Manager of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, reminded his listeners that they needed to re-visit the country many times to appreciate fully its beauty, and to encourage them to do so a souvenir book on Northern Ireland would be sent to the ship for them before they left. Sister Joan Farbus, President of the Irish District Relief Society, also

The Lord Mayor of Manchester welcomes Dr. Franklin Madsen and the Singing Mothers to Manchester

welcomed the visitors and said that a gift of Irish linen handkerchiefs would be given them with the love of sisters in the Irish District Relief Societies.

Replying for the visitors, Sister Spafford expressed appreciation for the great welcome extended by the Irish people. Even the weather, she noted, had been wonderful. President Bernard Brockbank also expressed thanks for the warm welcome. He spoke of the growth of the Church in Ireland and anticipated that the visit of the choir would do much to spread the gospel in the country.

Tributes Paid Before Concert

Even though the concert in Belfast was to be the last, Sister Madsen maintained her standard of a rehearsal before every performance. President Woodbury took the opportunity during the rehearsal of thanking the sisters for their efforts in making this great experiment a success. The sisters themselves expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Sister Myrtle Wentworth, who had cared for each one of them like a mother. Many times she had nursed those who were ill, comforted the homesick, reassured the nervous, and sat up until the early hours of the morning with those who had to be taken to hospital.

Sister Coleen Hamilton, too, was thanked for her part in making the tour a reality and the work she did travelling around the country helping with the early rehearsals.

Much of the credit for the smooth running of the tour is due to Elder Maurice Barnes, who worked many hours and often late into the night making sure that his 287 charges were well looked after, and the sisters showed their gratitude for the way he worked for their comfort and well-being. Sister Madsen then gave her last instructions to the Singing Mothers and reminded them that although there might be sorrow in their hearts at parting, they were to remember to sing as they had been taught and not to let emotion interfere with the interpretation of the songs because she expected this concert to be the best of all. She counselled them not to give up singing. "It is natural for women to sing, so go on and let the British Isles ring with your song," she concluded.

Final Concert Success

The time had finally come for the last concert. Hearts were sad, but the Singing Mothers were determined not to let Sister Madsen down, and to sing better than ever before.

All tickets had been distributed and a small queue formed outside in case there should be any spare seats. After the first song it was obvious the concert was going to be a tremendous success. As the concert continued the applause was thunderous.

At the end of the performance, girls in Irish national costume presented bouquets to Sister Madsen, Sister Geisler, and Sisters Dinwoodey, Taverner, Cutler, Blair and Wilson. Then Sister Farbus presented Irish linen tablecloths to Sister Madsen, Sister Spafford and Brother Asper.

The audience just refused to leave. They wanted encore after encore, but the sisters had to catch the boat and had only an half-hour in which to do it. Spirits were high, and everyone co-operated in getting the luggage to the dock. Cabins were soon allocated, and gradually the decks cleared and the homeward journey begun. After another smooth journey the sisters awakened at 5.30 a.m. to begin breakfast at 6 a.m.

Heart-Rending Farewells

Hearts were full and the party was subdued, realising that these were the last few hours of the tour. Firm friendships had been founded and wonderful experiences shared. Sisters too overcome for words would embrace and then turn quickly away. As the first party disembarked a few sisters on the top deck sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," but the party was subdued and landing was speedily completed.

The Liverpool Relief Society sisters distributed the lunches they had been preparing since 4 a.m.

A spirit of love and friendship was over the entire party. Even the coach drivers were warm in their greetings, and had been concerned for the sisters' safety.

Last good-byes were said quickly and tearfully, and the coaches were soon away. The great Singing Mothers' tour was over.

But the song will not end there. This tour is only the first. The great bond of love which Relief Society forges between the sisters has been strengthened, and a new page has been written in the pages of the Society which was organised by a Prophet 119 years ago.

The applause in the Royal Albert Hall is thunderous as the Singing

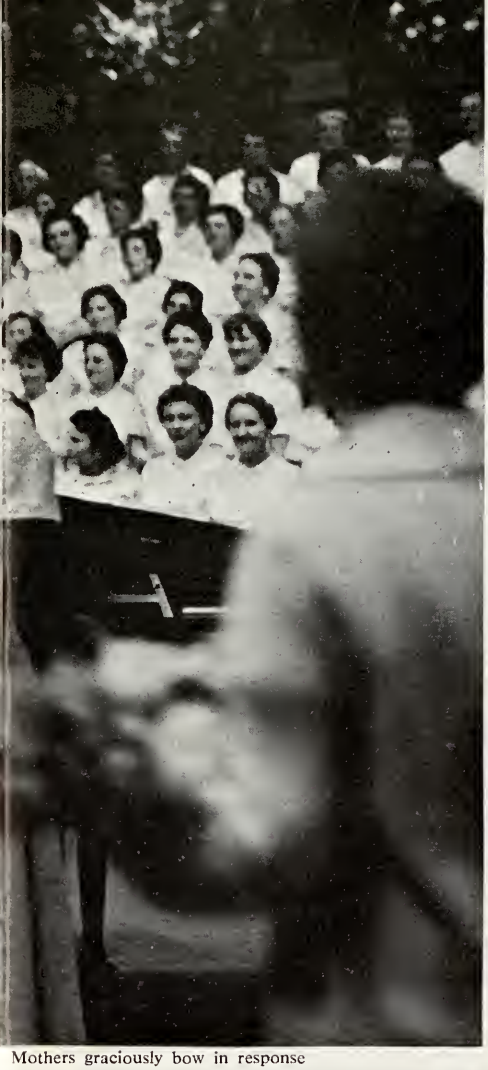
"By Their Fruits Ye Shall

by Pamela Johnson

Hard work and self-sacrifice produced fruits of

ALTA ROWLEY and Margaret Robinson had practised with the Provo group, but had not expected to be included among those selected to go on the tour until they received calls asking if they could be ready to leave within seven days. Their immediate response was that it was impossible, but they found that they could obtain passports, arrange for the care of their families, pack their suitcases and be at the station ready to leave with the other sisters right on schedule.

A week before the tour was due to commence, Kathleen Holroyd of Leeds fell off the bus and badly



Mothers graciously bow in response

Know Them"

lasting value

sprained her ankle. Her foot became so badly swollen that she could not stand on it.

"That first day I was in bed I did nothing but pray and cry, but the Lord heard my prayers, and to my doctor's surprise the foot healed so rapidly that I was able to travel to London with the other sisters."

When one of the Sheffield sisters was forced to withdraw from the group when rehearsals were well under way, Constance Clough, of Doncaster, was called on as a replacement. She had a formidable task ahead of her to catch up with the rest of the sisters, but tackled it with typical Yorkshire determination. Every morning at 7.30 a.m. she could be found at the home of Muriel Holton, with whom she rehearsed until 9 a.m. During the afternoon she worked alone, and in the evening when her son came home from school he played his recorder so she could practice for another hour. Sister Clough learned 16 songs in only four weeks, and by her hard work caught up with the other sisters who had been rehearsing for several months.

Rose Thompson, of Edinburgh, developed jaundice and was too ill to start the tour. She was replaced by Ida Wild, of Edinburgh, who had rehearsed the songs and was able to take over at short notice. Unfortunately, her mother was unable to continue to take care of her children after only a few days and Sister Wild was forced to return home. By this time, however, Sister Thompson had fully recovered and was able to take Sister Wild's place and sing at the last two concerts.

One evening as the Nottingham sisters were discussing the events of the day at dinner, they noticed that a lady at a nearby table was obviously interested in their conversation. They sent her a message explaining who they were and invited her to accompany them to the concert. She accepted, but although she appeared to enjoy her evening she made no comment on the return journey or at the hotel. Next

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morning, however, she rose early in order to see the sisters before they left at 8 a.m. She said she had never heard such glorious singing, and had asked what time they were leaving so she could thank them individually for the great pleasure they had given her.

Mary Porch, of Edinburgh, left five children whose ages ranged from three months to fourteen years in the care of her husband, the Scottish District president. While she was away two caught measles, and she worried desperately about them until her husband assured her that his mother had come to the rescue. The invalids thought it great fun to have Grannie come to take care of them.

The car carrying several of the Welsh sisters on a 200-mile journey to rehearsals in Leicester broke down when they were on a lonely country road. However, within minutes a car transporter came along and the driver, seeing the sisters' plight, loaded the car on to an empty space on the bottom ramp and drove them all the way to the rehearsal at no small inconvenience to himself.

Edna Byrne, of Worcester, celebrated her birthday on March 2nd, and her husband, knowing that her coach was due to pass through her home town on its way from Nottingham to Cardiff that day, waited on the street to see her go by so that he could give her a birthday gift. To complete the surprise, her husband later arranged for a bouquet of spring flowers to be delivered to her in Cardiff.

In many places the sisters have been honoured by their home towns in a number of ways. Typical of these is the surprise which Phyllis Wheeler, of Chelmsford, experienced when she invited Mavis Baldwin and Peggy Hunt, the two other Singing Mothers in the branch, to a farewell dinner with their husbands the night before they were due to leave for London. The news quickly spread around the town, and Sister Wheeler discovered she had two extra guests, a reporter and photographer from the *Chelmsford Courier,* who made this small dinner party front page news.

Myrtle Robinson, of South Shields, and Lilian Hutchinson, of Hyde Park, lodged with a family in Manchester whilst labouring there as missionaries 17 years ago. Although they had lost touch with each other, the landlady still remembered them, and when she heard that the Singing Mothers were singing she applied for tickets for herself and her family, hoping that they would meet someone who knew them. To their surprise, both Sister Robinson and Sister Hutchinson were there and recognised them, and were thrilled at this unexpected reunion with an old and cherished friend.

Elder Heber Lloyd, son of Sister Irene Lloyd of Provo, baptised a family of five in Manchester recently by the name of Howard. They were able to attend one of the concerts and meet Sister Lloyd. Sister Madsen heard of the joy Sister Lloyd felt at meeting the fruits of her son's labours, so she presented a delighted Sister

Howard with the bouquet she had received from the stake presidency. Sister Lloyd was unfortunately taken ill with influenza and was confined to bed for a few days, but she was later able to travel to Glasgow to meet her son and tell him of the progress Brother and Sister Howard had made since their baptism.

Whilst Sister Warriner, of Dewsbury Ward, was driving to catch the train to London, she backed her car into a field and it became bogged down in the mud. After several attempts to get it out, she gave up in despair, thinking she would miss the train. However, a taxi arrived just at that moment and saved the day, as she just managed to get on the train as it was leaving the station.

During the week before the tour was due to commence, six out of the group of thirteen sisters from the Leeds area were doubtful whether they would be able to leave home because of illness and being disappointed by baby-sitters. They decided to set February 18th aside as a fast day, and after fasting and praying together, all the problems and obstacles disappeared, the sick were healed, and everyone was able to leave on February 23rd as planned.

A summons for jury service is a matter which cannot be overlooked, so imagine how Marion Proctor felt when, two weeks before she was due to leave for London, she was summoned for jury service which would have lasted for the greater part of the tour. She and her husband prayed that she would be released from this obligation, and then wrote to the magistrate explaining some of the principles of the Church and her great desire to go on the tour. To their surprise, by return of post came a letter releasing her from all obligations for service to enable her to go on the tour.

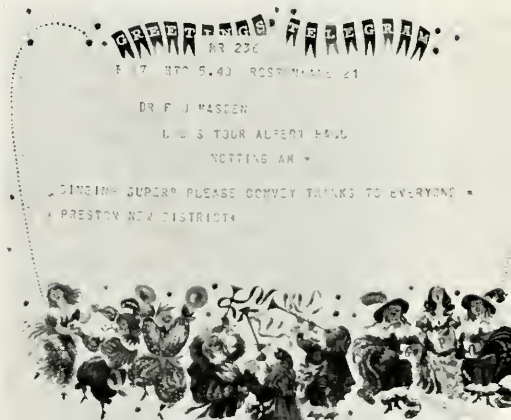
Hilda Storer, of Nottingham, wanted to sing with the choir, but she could not read music. So she decided that the best thing she could do was to take singing lessons. At first she found studying alone very difficult, but Florence Asher, another sister in the Nottingham Branch, invited her to join her for an hour each day when her ten-year-old daughter, Eileen, played over the songs on her recorder.

Alene Peterson, who was accompanied on the tour by her husband, Dr. Hugh Peterson, of the B.Y.U., has sung with Sister Madsen for 45 years. She has sung with the Singing Mothers under her direction for 21 years. Grace Hildy Croft wrote of Sister Peterson in her biography of Sister Madsen :

" If just one person could be chosen to represent the Madsens through their many years of musical activities it would be Mrs. Peterson. She was a regular participant in 'The Messiah,' and in practically all of the music events Florence and Frank ever directed."

The British sisters have been grateful to Sister Peterson for the way she shared her great knowledge and experience with them, and regarded her with the same affection as they did Sister Madsen.

Dundee Branch was never able to count a pianist among its members



Beautiful linen is presented to Sister Madsen by the Singing Mothers from the Nottingham District as a token of their esteem for her

until a short time before the sisters began practising. Then the husband of one of the sisters was baptised. He was a fine pianist, and when he heard that the sisters needed assistance in learning the songs, he volunteered to play for them. His wife, Sister Fiskin, said of her husband's baptism, " I was really surprised when he asked to be baptised, but the Lord knew how badly we needed a pianist, so He sent us one."

Sister Richardson, the leader of the Scottish group of sisters, and one who had been a constant inspiration to them throughout the rehearsals, was taken ill on the second night of the tour at Manchester. The doctor recommended that she remain behind, and she was admitted to the hospital. Sister Kelly, another of the Scottish sisters, guessed how disappointed she would be feeling, so she volunteered to remain behind to take care of her, sacrificing her own enjoyment of the tour. In describing her feelings, Sister Richardson said :

" I felt so lonely and unhappy at the prospect of missing the tour, but when I saw Sister Kelly come into my room I had faith that I would receive the blessing given me by the Priesthood when they administered to me."

So rapid was her recovery that both she and Sister Kelly missed only two concerts before being able to take their places with the choir once again.

Muriel Cuthbert of Nottingham had been feeling unwell for three days before asking Dr. Frank Madsen to administer to her. Immediately after he had done so she felt completely well, and claims she sang better on that night than she had ever done before.

Her husband, who is president of the Leicester Stake, had his own problems to cope with whilst his wife was away. He had taken two weeks of his holiday so that he could look after their six children, but one day he had to go to the office to attend to some urgent business. The older children were at school, but what could be done with the youngest ? There was only one solution, and that was to take him to the office, and two-year-old Jonathan thoroughly enjoyed his day at work.

Most of the sisters have their own ways of telling their husbands how to take care of the home when they are

away, but the husband of Charlotte Ross of Dundee needed more detailed instructions than most. He is the manager for Dennis Clancy, noted Scottish singer, and was leaving with Brother Clancy on a three month trip to the United States while his wife was touring. So Sister Ross pinned notes all around the house telling him what to pack for the journey, to remember to cancel the newspapers and milk, and reminding him of the many chores which a busy housewife does automatically, but which a harrassed grass-widower might easily forget.

Sometimes in an international group such as the Singing Mothers, nationalities can become a little confusing. For instance, Ramona Ritchie, who hails from New Zealand but has been living in London for some months, is counted as a member of the London group. Francelle Larsen, representing Manchester Stake, is the Utah-born wife of Robert E. Larsen, president of the Manchester Stake, whose business has brought him to live in England for three years. Phyllis Wheeler of Everitt, Washington, representing the Norwich District, is the wife of Bob Wheeler, an American serviceman stationed in England. She and her husband have been serving as the M.I.A. supervisors of the Norwich District.

The long distances the sisters had to travel to rehearsals created many problems. Some had difficult cross-country journeys which entailed as many as six bus changes. Others had long journeys to make to leave their children in the care of relatives and friends before attending rehearsals. Kathleen Hughes of Dewsbury, in telling of her experiences, recalled the times when she had to dress her five small children by 5.30 a.m. in order to be at rehearsal by 9 a.m. On more than one occasion she dressed them in the wrong clothes in her haste.

Ireland was represented by the smallest contingent—two sisters from Bangor, Mary Brookes and Elizabeth Gamble. They rehearsed faithfully in each other's homes, and it was only when they were able to fly to Manchester for rehearsals with the sisters there that they were able to hear how the songs sounded when sung by a choir.

One of the biggest surprises of all came for Lucille Peterson of Cedar Valley, Utah. During the rehearsal at the Albert Hall, Nottingham, she saw her husband, whom she had imagined to be at home taking care of the farm, sitting in the audience. Brother Peterson had wanted to accompany his wife, but had been unable to find anyone to do his work on the farm. A kind neighbour offered to help, so Brother Peterson took the opportunity and gave his wife one of the biggest surprises of her life.

Pat Brown of Nottingham invited her parents to spend Christmas with her, but knowing she would need to have her small son looked after while she was touring, they sacrificed the chance of spending Christmas as a family so that they could look after her home when she was away.

Susan Hezseltine of Nottingham worried in vain about leaving her 20-month-old son while away on tour. He had been ill and was still fretful, and even though he was in the capable and loving hands of Dorothy and Kenneth Poole she continued to worry about him until she heard President Woodbury reassure the sisters that the Lord would bless their families and watch over them until their return. She later heard that Paul settled down quite happily, and had completely recovered from his illness.

Performance in the Albert Hall, Nottingham

Singing Mothers Testimonies

● **Thelma Farrell of Birmingham** **COMES IN SPITE OF SICKNESS**

For eight years I had been trying to save the money to come home to visit my parents, but after having my third baby I decided I would not be able to make it.

Then my husband was sent overseas with the navy, and finally here was my opportunity to come home, because we were not permitted to travel with my husband.

It was an added blessing that besides being able to bring my three children, aged one, two and three years, to visit their grandparents, I was also chosen to sing in the Singing Mothers choir along with my mother.

Just a few days before we were to leave on the tour, all three children were taken ill, and then I was sick and lost my voice. But our prayers were answered and I was able to come. Until three days before we were due to leave we still could not find anyone to take the children, but that obstacle was overcome so that I could be part of this wonderful choir and raise my voice with the other sisters in singing praises to the Lord.

● **Lucy Ripley of Dewsbury** **DETERMINATION BRINGS RESULTS**

There was one page in the piece, " Come Ye Blessed of My Father," that I just could not master although I had sung it over and over. During Fast Day I took my music with me as usual, and in the bus was singing it over to myself. When I sang this particular page I suddenly realised that I sang it differently from before. I had got it right at last with the help of the Lord. When I heard it played on the piano the next time, I realised that the Lord had helped me to sing it correctly.

All during the tour I was praying for my father. He is aged 83 years and suffers with rheumatism in his back. My niece and her husband in Sheffield had kindly offered to look after him during my absence. I knew he would feel a burden to them if he was not well, and I did not want them to be troubled by any sickness.

Thus I prayed every day that his back would be better and that he would not have to cause undue worry. He came home last Thursday evening, and on Sunday evening he said his back was bad. I asked if it was any worse than it had been in Sheffield, and he said that at Sheffield it did not give him any trouble.

I pray all the time that his back will not give him much trouble, yet during the time of the tour the Lord especially blessed him that he had no trouble with it at all.

For my membership in the Church I am grateful and for the privilege of going on the Singing Mothers Tour. No other Church would afford such an opportunity to its members. I am thankful for the way the tour was organised because the Church spared no expense to make us all happy and comfortable. What a precious thing a testimony of the truth is. It is indeed a pearl of great price.

● **Margaret Phillipson of Sheffield** **DEATH IN FAMILY DOES NOT STOP TOUR**

When I knew I was chosen to go on the Singing Mothers tour my husband and family were thrilled and happy that I was to be part of such a great missionary force, and I set to work with a will to learn all the songs necessary.

My mother, although not a member of the Church, had always been on hand whenever I needed help, and she offered to take care of my husband and family.

A few weeks later she was taken ill and the doctor told me she was dying of cancer. I nursed her for ten weeks and she died on December 30. During her illness she told me that whatever happened I was to go on the tour, and I carried on learning many of the songs as I nursed her.

Although I felt great sorrow when she died, there was no despair, because I knew without a shadow of doubt that the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is true and that my mother will be given the opportunity of accepting the truth and in the future we shall meet again.

I am happy to be a member of the Relief Society and part of the great missionary force of Singing Mothers with our beloved Florence Madsen at the head. I am grateful to all who made this wonderful tour possible, and pray that through the united testimony of song many hearts will respond to the truthfulness of the Gospel and with God's help we shall give our all to further His work here on earth.

GREAT MISSIONARY VENTURE

● **Edith Koldewyn of Kaysville, Utah**

It has been a special privilege for me to travel with this group, not as a singer, but to mingle with the public and witness the impression they make everywhere. Perhaps it is best summed up by one of the attendants on the *Queen Mary* who said, "I shall never forget this voyage and this happy group of friendly people. It is as if they had an unseen leader guiding and directing them."

THANKS FOR THE MANY THINGS LEARNED

● **Ivy Holder of Stroud**

It is a great privilege for me to participate in this wonderful experience. It has been such a time of joy to me. I have learned many lessons as I have associated with you, my sisters, and have heard the many stories of problems overcome and sacrifices made, especially those with little children, sometimes six or seven of them.

From the moment I knew that I had been chosen to join the Singing Mothers I felt it was a duty for me to put every effort into the work. I wondered how I would be able to learn the music. I wondered how I would be able to learn the songs, but somehow I did. I still cannot think how I managed to raise enough money to go to practices so far away.

I am so grateful for knowing Sister Madsen. I love her very dearly. She has taught me so much in the short time we have known her. Her love and patience has warmed our hearts. I just do not know how we can possibly let you take her back to America. I love Sister Spafford too, and all of you, my beautiful sisters. You are a testimony to me and to anyone who has eyes to see how the Gospel helps us to grow spiritually and culturally, which is, after all, a part of spirituality.

YOU'RE DIFFERENT SOMEHOW

● **Thomas Wareham—Driver of Coach No. 6**

I have enjoyed the company of the Singing Mothers. Of all the coach loads I have driven you have been the best. This has been a long tour, but everyone has been good and not complained. I have been impressed with your beliefs and the way it affects your lives. The concerts have been lovely, but I have specially enjoyed the singing—it was wonderful! You seemed to put your heart into the hymns. I have been most impressed.

There comes a time in the life of every man however tough he thinks he is when he has to pray and know that there is a God. I think there is good in all people and in all churches, but you people are different somehow. You have something that other people lack.

I have been very happy in your company, good health and good luck be with you always.

● **Joan Caster of Grimsby** **CONVERSION OF HUSBAND**

MY testimony is very strong. My husband would not even come into the chapel when my eldest daughter, Mary, and I were baptised eight months ago. I firmly believe that my example and that of my four little girls, faithfully having family prayer even when we had visitors, influenced my husband in his conversion.

I asked my husband to come to church with us on Christmas day and he did. Two weeks later he came again. A week later, he asked to be given the first lesson by the elders. To obtain a little more money he took an extra job cleaning windows—he said he would work for the Lord to pay his tithing. With this extra income he proved to himself by his extra efforts that he was able to pay his tithing and still come out a couple of bob ahead.

I have never been so happy as I am at this time. I thank my Father in heaven for answering so many of our prayers and our fasting on my husband's behalf. We are so very close now, and our children have got a solid background to grow up with.

● **Terry Boulton of Coventry** **FAMILY ALL CARED FOR**

Throughout the early preparation period for the tour I learned not to limit God's power with material limitations, but to trust in Him through the daily prayers of my husband, myself and our four little children.

There was one time when a rehearsal was called for early one Friday morning at very short notice. It seemed a physical impossibility for me to go. My husband could not get time off that day, and we have no near relatives. On the Sunday before the rehearsal our dear Relief Society president, Sister Austin, called a special meeting of all the sisters to see what could be done and we all prayed. At first no one seemed free to take them, then gradually offers of help began to come and eventually four different brothers and sisters became involved in taking the child. So complex were the arrangements that I could not see how they could be carried out unless everyone kept exactly to the times we had arranged. Peter, aged one year, was taken to Sister Ashmole on Monday night, then promptly at 7.30 a.m. the following morning, Brother Malyon arrived with his minibus to convey Simon, aged two, and Kay, aged four, to Sister Humphries' house. A dear neighbour, Sister Sands, looked after Timothy, aged six, until school time, and a good friend gave him his lunch. He was again looked after in the evening by Sister Sands until my husband came home from work at night.

How willingly and lovingly these plans were carried out with clockwork precision, and I was able to go off to Leicester for the practice happy in the knowledge that the children were in good hands until I returned.

Now that I am on this glorious tour, singing and rejoicing with all my dear sisters, my heart is full of gratitude when I think of my wonderful husband at home who has sacrificed two weeks of his three weeks' summer holiday to completely run the home and care for the children, and to the sweet sister who is caring for my baby along with her own three small children. I can never repay their love and sacrifice, but I know God will pour blessings upon them for all that they have done.

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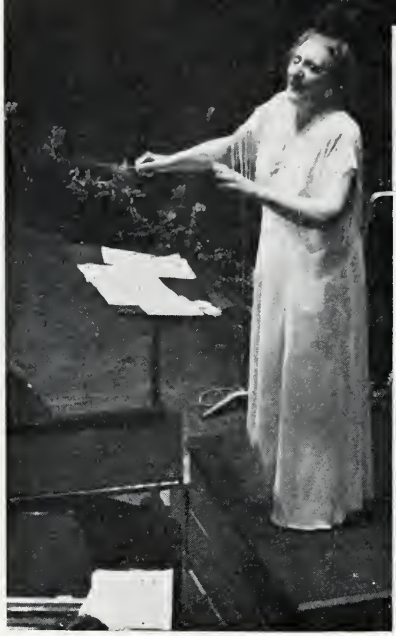

The emotional impact of the Singing Mothers' music is here reflected in the face of Sister Madsen : from a moment of exuberant joy the music fades into a strain of sweet contemplation and thought.

"My Wife"

Dr. Florence Jepperson Madsen as seen through the eyes of her husband, Dr. Franklin Madsen

"Ye shall know them by their fruits..." (Matthew 7: 16.)

"BY their fruits ye shall know them" is the criterion given us by our Saviour by which we are to properly evaluate and fully esteem those with whom we are acquainted or associated. In applying this divine method of ascertaining true merits to the life of my wife, Dr. Florence Jepperson Madsen, "fruits" of superior excellence are revealed.

"Fruits" of spirituality, character, idealism, love, intellectuality, helpfulness, artistry and others ever crown her many noble works.

In his discussional reference to Jesus Christ our Redeemer, St. John wrote, "He went about doing good." From her very young girlhood, she has made it a habit to practise this pattern of the Master in all of her activities. She has dedicated herself and her talents to the service of "doing good" to and for all people with whom she has come into contact.

It has been her daily custom to share her genius, training and accomplishments with her immediate loved ones and her fellow-men far and near.

Hers has been a life of giving, granting and ministering to the many who have been in need, trouble, sorrow and despair. Many students, neighbours, friends and missionaries have thus become recipients of her spirit of solicitation and well-wishing in various ways, often including finan-

cial assistance. She gave ". . . cheerfully, quickly and without hesitation;" and applied the philosophy that "When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow."

To her family, blessed with her membership, she has always been a devoted daughter and helpful sister.

As a wife and mother she has always been queenly, sacrificial and sympathetic, ever saying and doing the essential unexpected as well as the necessary expected. She believed and practised the philosophy embodied in the following very significant statement by Sir Humphry Davy, that:

"Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually, are what preserve the heart and secure comfort."

Florence has fully cultivated and expanded the gifts and talents with which she was endowed and which she inherited from her talented and cultured parents.

Early in life she discovered and adhered to the truth that:

"Whatever you are from nature, keep to it; never desert your own line of talent. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed."

Being born of musical and artistic parents, and in a home of music and art, it was natural for her to choose and follow music as her "line of talent" and her profession. Most of the other members of her family did likewise and have become noted in their respective lines.

In choosing music as her profession she has become recognised as a most distinguished contralto soloist; a famous vocal teacher; a renowned composer; an acclaimed conductor; an oustanding pianist and organist; and a most inspiring and supporting accompanist.

Throughout her professional career Dr. Florence Jepperson Madsen has produced "fruits" of highest excellence and everlasting benefit. The countless successful students that she has taught and the numerous inspiring Singing Mothers that she has trained and conducted with patient, untiring, efficient help and artistry constitute some of these precious "fruits."

The "fruits" of her creative and compositional genius are likewise prolific and spiritual. Here are the titles of a few of her anthems:

"O May I Know the Lord as Friend;" "My Soul Is Athirst For God;" "Go Ye Forth With My Word;" "If You Love Me Keep My Commandments;" "Come Ye Blessed of My Father;" "Thy Blessing On This House, Dear Lord;" and many others.

The inspirational message and uplift of these creations of tonal art in beautiful form are "fruits" of her deep aesthetical and spiritual nature. They are definite evidences of her abiding appreciation of and conversion to truth, goodness and beauty and to the wonders, glories and values of spiritual music.

And to be fortunate enough to hear these anthems sung in the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle by one of the 500-voice Singing Mothers choruses which she has trained, and under the baton of the composer, is to experience a newness of life in response to angelic voices in celestial harmonies. Here is deep rooted spirituality in composer and performers.

These compositional achievements and contributions are also evidences of her adherence to the laws of perfection. This highest state of excellence has been her aim and goal throughout her many varied activities

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Singing Mothers Make News

WITH the Singing Mothers Tour of Great Britain, the opening and dedication of the new Hyde Park Chapel, and with the visit of President David O. McKay to Great Britain, the news media have been filled with reports on the progress of the Church.

Early in February articles began to appear in newspapers and journals throughout the land. Most of these articles were in the provincial papers, and featured individual Singing Mothers from their area. A little later articles began appearing concerning the new Hyde Park Chapel. Gradually the number of articles each day grew larger and larger, until at the peak period of activity, the press conference featuring President McKay on February 24 and the subsequent dedication and Singing Mothers Tour, there was a veritable flood of information reaching the public.

Not only was the news spread through print, but also on both the wireless and television the Mormons were an important feature.

J. Walter Thompson, Ltd., the advertising company working for the Church, has estimated that the Singing Mothers alone received four times the public comment that the Tabernacle Choir did when it was in Britain six years ago.

It is interesting to note that the large bulk of news was a fair and honest representation of the Church. As a missionary venture, the Singing Mothers Tour has proven to be superb.

A. W. M.

Typical of the fine press reviews given the Singing Mothers was this article appearing in the Sunderland Echo

THE SINGING MOTHERS EXCEL

IN the City Hall, Newcastle, last night the International Chorus of Singing Mothers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gave a concert of sacred and secular music. This was one of a series of concerts which this body of singers is giving in seven centres in the United Kingdow. The whole concept is remarkable — 50 American singers who have come over specially for these events joined with 200 British singers, who have for some time been rehearsing sectionally, and they have formed a choir whose performance was an absolute object lesson in choral singing. Apart from the obvious fact that every member was thoroughly cognizant of the music—the whole exacting programme was sung without reference to copies—credit must be given to the expert training and inspiring conducting of Dr Florence Jepperson Madsen, whose idea this was.

The programme consisted of a varied selection of three and four-part choral items, solos by Jewel Cutler (soprano), and Annette Richardson Dinwoodey (contralto), a violin solo by Branche Wilson and two organ solos. Some of the accompaniments were played on the organ by Dr Frank W. Asper, who provided adequate support without ever being too loud, in spite of the temptation of the large organ, the power of which he rather devastatingly demonstrated in his solos. The rest were in the hands of the pianist, Zesta Geisler, whose playing was excellent. Her accurate accompaniments were helpful to choir and soloists alike.

Of the contribution of the choir to the programme one can only speak in the highest terms.

ABSOLUTE UNANIMITY

Helped by the absence of copies, there was absolute unanimity in everything they did, with constant attention centred on their conductor, whose clear and meaningful leadership ensured splendid precision. They sang with artistic expression and never lost vitality, whether in vigorous and strenuous passages or in the quietest parts. But while praising highly their tone and the general interpretation of the music, it was that rare quality in singing, splendid enunciation, which struck me most. Such clarity, such care with adequate stresses, left the audience in no doubt about the words.

Classical, English, and American composers were represented. Only to mention a few — Handel's "Come unto Him" was beautifully sung, as was Elgar's "The Snow." We were given an unaccustomed staccato rendering of a Bach chorus, but it was effective. An Irish song, "I Have a Bonnet Trimmed with Blue" was very taking, and Landon Ronald's "A Southern Song" was given an interpretation which warranted the repetition demanded. Dr Madsen, the conductor, had one composition and two arrangements in the programme, all bearing the stamp of expert musicianship, and her "Come Ye Blessed" was given a sincere and moving rendering.

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President McKay Dedicates the Hyde Park Chapel February 26, 1961

When President David O. McKay arrived in London early on the morning of Friday, February 24, he had scheduled for his stay in the British Isles a programme of events that would have proved tiring to most younger men.

After only three hours' sleep on the morning of his arrival, President McKay held a press conference for representatives of the nation's press in the Relief Society room of the Hyde Park Chapel. The next evening saw Sister McKay and him attending an organ recital in the new Chapel rendered by Dr. Frank W. Asper. Sunday the 26th was a very full day as he presided over the dedication of the Hyde Park Chapel in the morning, his remarks and prayer at that time being printed below, and the creation of the London Stake in the afternoon.

On the 27th of February, President McKay attended the premier performance of the Singing Mothers in the Royal Albert Hall, London, and the next day he left for Scotland. While in the northern part of Great Britain he visited Manchester, and he held missionary meetings with both the Scottish-Irish missionaries and those from the North British Mission. Returning to London for the evening of March 1, he travelled to Wales the next day for the unveiling of the plaque commemorating his mother's birthplace and the ground-breaking of the Merthyr Tydfil chapel and stake centre.

On the morning of March 3, President and Sister McKay, their son, Edward, and daughter, Emma Rae Ashton, boarded the plane in London bound for home after seven full days of exhausting but very rewarding work among the saints of Great Britain.

A Dream Fulfilled

Remarks of President David O. McKay at the dedication of the Hyde Park Chapel, morning session, February 26, 1961

MY dear fellow-workers and dear associates of the Relief Society, representing the entire Relief Society of the Church as a body of Singing Mothers, this is the realisation, fulfillment of a vision years ago.

As we associate in this wonderful, commodious building, I wish to say to the architects, whose names have already been mentioned, Edward O. Anderson, Sir Thomas Bennett, and to members of their staffs, to all associated therewith, that this building is a monument to progress, progress of the Church numerically, progress of better understanding in all men's minds of the value of the Church of Jesus Christ to the final establishment of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

Your own Ruskin said in *Seven Lamps of Architecture:*

"Wherefore when we build let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think as we lay stone on stone that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred, because our hands have touched them; and men will say, as they look upon the labour and wrought substance of them, 'See! This our fathers did for us.'"

Dreams Fulfilled

But I am not thinking so much this morning of the children who will

thank us for erecting this building, I am thinking of how it fulfills the dreams men have had since the organisation of the Church, and what we owe to them, and what progress has been made since their day. I have two illustrations in mind.

First, I recall a young British writer who about 100 years ago took his pad and pencil in hand and strolled down to the docks in London because he heard that 800 Mormons were boarding the vessel to take them to America. He went down to testify against them and to write against them, but luckily he had in his heart the admonition of Paul to "prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good." That young British writer was Charles Dickens.

I am going to read to you one or two things that impressed him that hot June morning about 100 years ago. He got permission of the man in charge because of his position in the European Mission to go on board and look at these Mormons. He went up on the poop-deck and surveyed the emigrants on the deck below. He found "more pens and ink stands in action, and more papers and interminable complication respecting accounts with individuals for tin cans and what-not" than he had ever seen, but became thoroughly impressed with the attitude—the patience throughout, pleasing expressions on the part of the emigrants, notwithstanding the commotion, trouble with papers, and so forth. This is what he wrote on that occasion :

Dickens Describes Mormons

"But nobody is in an ill-temper, nobody is the worse for drink, nobody swears an oath or uses a coarse word, nobody appears depressed, nobody is weeping, and down upon the deck in every corner where it is possible to find a few square feet to kneel, crouch, or lie in, people . . . are writing letters.

"Now, I have seen emigrant ships before this day in June. And these people are so strikingly different from all other people in like circumstances whom I have ever seen, that I wonder aloud, 'What would a stranger suppose these emigrants to be!'"

Then he concludes :

"What is in store for the poor people on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, what happy delusions they are labouring under now, on what miserable blindness their eyes may be opened then, I do not pretend to say. But I went on board their ship to bear testimony against them if they deserved it, as I fully believed they would; to my great astonishment they did not deserve it; and my predispositions and tendencies must not affect me as an honest witness. I went over the Amazon's *side, feeling it impossible to deny that, so far, some remarkable influence has produced a remarkable result, which better known influences have often missed."*—From *The Uncommercial Traveller* by Charles Dickens.

Charles Dickens missed his guess when he said, "What happy delusions they are labouring under now." Eight hundred people that morning left for America, and instead of meeting "delusions," their concept of the truth was enhanced, and later many of them returned to their native land in England, Ireland, Wales, Germany to preach the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.

That brings me to a second illustration. About that time my father and mother left their native lands—mother from Wales, a little girl; and father from Scotland, way up near Thurso. About 80 years ago father returned as a missionary to his native land. He and mother had met in Ogden and had gone to a little valley about 12 miles from that town and built their home.

The Singing Mothers provided inspiring music

It was customary at that time for the missionaries to be called from the rostrum of the Salt Lake Tabernacle, and father one day was numbered among those called to go back to the British Mission and preach the gospel.

Describes Father's Mission

Just after he had received his call, when he came home from Salt Lake City, his oldest brother came in and said :

" David, you can't go on that mission. You can't leave Jennette (his wife) *under the present conditions ."*

There was a promise of an increase in the family; and that was the reason his older brother said, " You must not go." As he was going out of the door to return to his own home, father turned to his little wife and said, " You heard what my brother advised. What shall we do?" She answered :

" Are you in God's stead ? You are called to go on a mission. You go! The Lord will take care of me and our children."

So father left for his mission to Scotland on the 19th of April, 1881. On the 29th of April, ten days later, a little baby girl came into our house, the sixth child in that family. The baby was over two years old before he ever saw her.

There happens to be in the *Millennial Star* a letter from that missionary. It was written November 15th, 1881, and addressed to the president of the European Mission. This is what he wrote :

" The 10th of June found me in Thurso. Having some tracts with me, I commenced distributing them among my friends, talking to all who would listen to my humble way of explaining the first principles of the gospel. I held four open-air meetings.

When Elder John Stoddard came to assist me, we tried in all the principal towns and villages to obtain a house; we offered to hire, but all to no purpose. It was "Hobson's Choice"—to preach out of doors or not preach in public. We had as good meetings as we could expect, until bad weather intervened . . . In visiting, I found some still quite anxious to enquire in regard to the Gospel. All the pamphlets and books ordered by me from the office have been distributed among them. I hope in the near future a branch may be organised in the far north that there may be some place to rally to. The few who have been numbered with us are scattered, as it were, without a shepherd."

It was either for father to preach out of doors or not preach in public. Such was his experience 80 years ago.

I say this house is a monument to progress. The experience I have just related took place 80 years ago.

Church Progress Rapid

In the beginning of this century there were a few Church-owned chapels throughout the European Mission. In 1922 and 1924 there were several throughout Great Britain. Today, not only chapels indicate the numerical strength of the Church, but two temples, and a completely organised stake, offer every opportunity of the restored Gospel to members in the missions that are given to members in wards and stakes. Two more stakes here in Great Britain and two on the Continent are now in contemplation.

President McKay speaks

Brother Mendenhall and his associates in the Church Building Committee, who have this building task in hand, who have laboured for a number of years in the South Pacific, who are prepared to labour in South America now, in China, in Japan, over in Germany, are seated here in the audience, ready to go forth and complete houses of worship for the benefit of the people in these lands.

And so I say this edifice is a good indication of the progress of the Church.

It takes a long while for progress to be shown; for it to manifest itself; to see it; to realise it. All through those beginning years the missionaries were often misunderstood, many times wilfully misrepresented and persecuted; and, in several instances, subjected to a martyr's death.

Through the years the work has continued to thrive. Today the scores of missionaries of yesteryear have grown to hundreds, and now number thousands, each bearing his own expenses either from personal savings or from support of parents or friends.

Missionary Sacrifices

How many young men have responded to these missionary calls can be illustrated by the fact that those who served in World War II, and served their country in other wars, saved their meagre allowances given to them by the government to use in the future when they might be called to go on a mission for the Church.

One illustration comes to my mind. A widow's son, serving in the army, sent his meagre savings to his mother, saying:

"Please set this aside for the day when I may be called upon to go on a mission. If I do not return, please use my savings to help some other missionary give the message of the gospel to the world."

He did not return. He paid the supreme sacrifice; but his mother, true to her son's request, used the soldier's savings to help pay the expenses of another young man preaching the gospel.

I think these instances give a general picture of the growth of the Church during a century, the conditions in the Church 100 years ago, and the prospects of the Church today. No wonder this building is a monument to progress!

However, that is not only a physical growth, but we need these meeting houses, these chapels, wherein men and women who are converted may meet in their own houses of worship. In 1922, 1923, 1924, when Sister McKay and I were in the British Mission, and in the European Mission, they had to meet in rented halls. People would ask, "Where is your meeting place?" as they do in Australia and in other places. We say it is in hall so-and-so, giving the impression to an investigator that the Church was not permanently established.

Chapels Throughout Europe

In a few years we hope that the Building Committee, represented here by men who are ready, will go ahead and we shall have chapels throughout Europe where men and women converted to this Church will join in stakes —that is a peculiar phrase for some of you here—and participate in all the activities of the Church; not have to travel to another country and leave their homes and friends, but to carry on their own business affairs as in the past and worship with all the opportunities and advantages found in an organised stake of Zion.

But better than the physical progress, this is a monument to better understanding of people regarding the purposes and aims of the Church. And it may well be asked:

"Why does the Church send out missionaries, numbering at present over 8,000, to all parts of the world, many parts of which are already converted to Christianity?"

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The answer may be given specifically, "to declare the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ implies an apostasy from the original teaching and organisation as proclaimed and established by Christ and the early apostles. In a general way we might answer in the words of the Heavenly Host at the birth of the Saviour—we are sent out to testify of the existence of a God; they talk peace, but reject the only plan of peace, the only plan given under heaven. Said Peter, the chief apostle, to certain men who put Christ to death:

"By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole... neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4: 10, 12.)

rowd of 1,600 listen intently to Elder Hugh B. Brown (600 of that number were in separate rooms watching the proceedings on closed-circuit television)

And so these 8,000 missionaries today teach the reality of the existence of God and the brotherhood of man.

Must Seek Peace

For nearly 2,000 years the professed followers of Jesus Christ have associated with His birth that heavenly announcement. Indeed, ever since man took his place upon earth, peace has been among his noblest aspirations. Associated with this quest he has sought individual freedom; freedom to speak; to write his thoughts, freedom to go about without restrictions or dictation; freedom to pray without molestation; freedom to build a home into which dictators or usurpers might not enter illegally—priceless heritages these, and indispensable conditions to the attainment of peace. But, as heretofore, most men and nations ever blindly and stubbornly refuse to accept the eternal plan that leads to it.

In the beginning of the Christian era, as Jesus prophetically looked through the centuries to come, He knew that peace would be dependent upon the slow but never failing process of changing each individual's mental and spiritual attitude; that the customs and habits of the world would be determined by the innermost thoughts and soul-convictions of many individuals who composed groups, states, or nations. If, therefore, the world was to be changed, the individual must be changed. People's thoughts must first be changed. Only to the degree that men desire peace and brotherhood, and are willing to follow the paths that lead to this blessed condition, will the world become a better place in which to live. Only by adherence to the fundamental principles of righteousness can peace

come either to individuals or to nations.

Peace Comes From Within

The mission of the Church of Jesus Christ is to establish peace—peace in individual hearts, peace and harmony in the home, cessation of war and discord among nations!

Peace cannot be found in external things. It always comes from within. "There is no peace except by the triumph of principles," said reputedly the wisest of Americans. There is no peace when one's conscience is seared, or when one is conscious of having created some untoward act. Peace springs from righteousness in the soul, from upright living. If you want peace, yours is the responsibility to obtain it. The restored Gospel teaches that our homes should become warm nests where children may be protected and grow into noble men and women; where love may find privacy, old age repose; where prayer will find an altar, and the nation a sure source of strength and perpetuity.

No man is at peace with himself or his God who is untrue to his better self, who transgresses the law of right either in dealing with himself or indulging in passion, in appetite, yielding to temptations against his accusing conscience, or in dealing with his fellow-men, being untrue to their trust.

Peace does not come to the transgressor of law; peace comes by obedience to law, and it is that message which Jesus would have us proclaim among men.

If we would have peace as individuals, we must supplant enmity with forebearance, which means to refrain from the hasty condemnation of others. We shall have power to do this if we really cherish in our hearts the ideals of Christ, who said:

"If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matthew 5: 23, 24.)

That seems like a simple law, but that is one step toward bringing about universal peace.

If the world would be at peace, it must supplant the rule of force by the rule of love. The way to peace for individuals and nations is to have "the kingdom of God within you." (Luke 17: 21.)

The Church Teaches Self-Mastery

Yesterday the men and women of the press wanted to know why all this expenditure of time and means, of sending out 8,000 missionaries who pay their own expenses. I have given you an insight into the fundamental purpose. One general purpose of establishing the Church in all the world is to change people's lives, to master our animal passions and desires, and to make applicable in daily life the attributes of the spirit.

There comes to mind one of your own writers on this very subject, Mr. Beverley Nichols, who says this:

"You can change human nature. No man who has felt in him the spirit of Christ, even for half a minute, can deny this truth, the one great truth in the world of little lies. You do change human nature, your own human nature, if you surrender it to Him. To deny this is only to proclaim yourself as an uneducated fool."

Then he continues:

"Human nature can be changed, here and now. Human nature has been changed in the past. Human nature must be changed on an enormous scale in the future, unless the world is to be drowned in its own blood. And only Christ can change it.

"Twelve men did quite a lot to change the world 1900 years ago. Twelve simple men with only the wind to blow them over the seas, with only a few pence in their pockets, and a shining faith in their hearts. They fell far short of their ideal, their words were twisted and mocked, and false temples were built over their bones, in praise of a Christ they would have rejected. And, yet, by the light of their inspiration, many of the world's loveliest things were created, and many of the world's finest minds inspired."

If 12 men did that 1,900 years ago, what might not 12 men do today? For God has now given us the power of whispering across space, of transmitting our thoughts from one end of the earth to another, whispering this message to the uttermost parts and the outer bounds of space. The question is, what shall we whisper? What shall we think? That is the question.

Gospel Principles Bring Peace

The message of the Church of Jesus Christ, the message of these men in the various missions in Great Britain, Holland, Scandinavia, and in all the world is to whisper the reality of the Christ as the real Son of God the Father. The important impact of principles of His gospel is to establish peace in the hearts of men, peace in home life, peace in towns, in cities, in countries, peace throughout the world —that is their declaration! But so many, even after 100 years, question, as did the author of *The Fool Hath Said,* the wisdom, as Charles Dickens questioned the wisdom of those men sailing off to an unknown country, seeking after something which seemed to be a myth, but which in reality proved to be a testimony of the living Christ. Such a testimony has been borne today by the previous speakers. Such testimony is borne throughout these meetings by these lovely singers —a prayer unto God; the singing a song of righteousness which is a prayer unto our Father in heaven, as holy verses describe it.

Such then in a general way is the purpose of this house, which, as I say, is a monument today to progress. What a joy it is to be here, to see what has been accomplished in these latter days, and to look forward to the work of the Building Committee and other agencies of the Church; seeing chapels erected not only throughout Great Britain, Germany, France, Scandinavian countries, but over in Japan. Not only chapels in China, but schools for the little children who have no opportunity now even to go to school. I am saying that the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is now reaching out for all the world to bless mankind, no matter what his colour, his creed, his belief, but to bring them all to a knowledge of Christ, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby peace will become real.

I feel it an honour to be with you on this beautiful occasion, to be chosen to have the opportunity to represent you in prayer and dedication in turning this house of worship over to God the Father and to the people who may have an opportunity to come here and hear His words. We can say in tribute in all humility to a man who restored that Church and offered it to the people :

"Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah. Jesus anointed that prophet and seer. Blessed to open the last dispensation, kings shall extoll him and nations revere."

God help us to be good representatives, faithful representatives of him as we go forth to offer our all and our best to establishing the kingdom of God among men, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President McKay

Text of the Dedicatory Prayer

by President David O. McKay at the Hyde Park Chapel, February 26, 1961

OUR Heavenly Father, we thy children are assembled on this blessed and historic occasion with hearts filled with gratitude. We thank thee that thou didst enter the hearts of a few men and women and plant therein faith with pure hands in the nearing erection of a chapel to thee for the benefit of thy children.

Our Father, wilt thou grant unto us thy guidance and thy spirit while we are thus assembled. And may we know that the channel of communication between thee and us is now open. Help us to feel and know that we are partakers in reality of thy divine spirit.

We express gratitude for life—that we are alive in this age of the world when thou hast inspired scientists, discoverers, inventors and others to make it possible for us to go from one end of this work to another in so brief a time. We are grateful unto the for all these inventions, the purpose of which in thy mind is to make thy children throughout the world brothers and sisters, anticipating the establishment in the future of the Kingdom of God, which means a universal brotherhood among mankind.

We thank thee that thou hast appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1820, and introduced to him thy Son, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Hear Him." We thank thee for subsequent visits, the result of which was the establishment of the authority of thy Church on earth. We are grateful that thou hast blessed members thereof with sufficient means to gratify their

desire and ways to proclaim the truth of thy restored Church to the entire world, cost and all, as thou hast in the past.

We thank thee for the missions of the Church in this great land under a government of freedom which vouchsafes for every individual the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. We pray that thou wilt bless Her Majesty the Queen, the Members of Parliament, the Prime Minister and all associated with the government that they may see clearly the real meaning and purposes of the Restored Church in this modern day.

We pray thee to bless the president of the British Mission and of this branch, and those who have stood by them during the past years in the erection of this beautiful and glorious chapel. Bless the president of the European Mission and his associates and his wife and the missionaries who are giving of their time freely. Bless those at home who are sending them the means to fill missions.

Father, we ask thy blessing upon the organisation of the Church, on the general authorities, stake authorities, bishoprics of wards, presidents of the missions, presidents of branches throughout the world. May our visions be broadened that we may comprehend this Sunday all thy children and praise and honour thy name and be kind to one another in the spirit of true brotherhood.

Help us to magnify our callings and to preach to all the world the freedom which the Gospel gives, for truth is freedom, and gives the right to worship, to work, the right to serve. May we never lose sight of these blessings.

We thank thee for the presidencies of Priesthood quorums, for superintendencies and presidencies of auxiliary organisations. Guide them that they may be equal to the responsibility placed upon them. Keep the officers of the quorums and auxiliary organisations in thy keeping, we beseech thee. Keep them one, as thou and thy Son are one, for unity is the great uplifting principle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bless the presidencies of missions, in stakes now organised and which are planning to be organised, the presidencies of branches who are supporting the labour missionaries—they have denied themselves luxuries, sometimes necessities, perhaps many times. Prosper them, O Lord, for their self-denial. And may we always give thanks so that their efforts may contribute to hundreds, perhaps thousands, who have died without a knowledge of the truth, without ever having heard of the name of Jesus Christ. Now through temple work may they hear and have an opportunity to accept or reject the Gospel as people in this life have the same opportunity.

We thank thee for the architects who planned this edifice so wisely and so well, and for all who have given of their best efforts to erect this building.

Bless the people in their homes. Keep dissension out of their lives. If wives and husbands are quarrelling, threatening separation, O Father make them wise. Give them self-control that they do not say the things which spring to their hearts aggravating to the dissension already existing. May they think of their children, the precious charges, and what separation would mean to those children. May unity and love, reverence for their home and appreciation of the gifts which are theirs prevail.

With these and many other glorious principles in mind we meet this morning rendering to thee the thanks and the gratitude of our hearts.

(Left to right) *Elder Nathan Eldon Tanner with Sister Tanner, President and Sister David O. McKay and President and Sister Alvin R. Dyer*

Now, O Father, as thy servant, holder of the holy Melchizedek Priesthood, I dedicate this house of worship as the Hyde Park Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and set it apart for the purposes for which it has been erected. I dedicate the chapel particularly as a place to worship thee. It is thine. Let it be held sacred.

If anyone enters with the spirit of fault-finding, of sneering or with malice in his heart may the spirit of acceptance bear testimony with a feeling of prayer and worship. May reverence characterise all who enter this building. May loud speaking be avoided. May each one feel when he comes here that he comes to meet thee—he knows that thou wilt be here and thy spirit with him.

We dedicate the organ, built especially to render up music to thy name and holiness, built by able and capable men who devoted long hours to the establishment of this wonderful instrument. May it be held sacred in thy sight. Bless those who would play the organ that they will render such music that it will touch the heart and bring them to know thee and thy work.

We dedicate the recreation hall in which proper recreation, studying literature, drama and other activities so attractive to the young may determine a number of wholesome influences.

We dedicate the class-rooms. Bless the teachers that they may be wise in their teachings and never say those things which would create doubt in the minds of wise teachers or of wise pupils.

We dedicate the Junior Sunday School that the little ones may assemble and receive impressions that would influence them rightly throughout their lives.

We dedicate the Relief Society room, the kitchen and all things that pertain thereto. Bless the Relief Society in the service that they render, the significance of which is now becoming more clearly understood by the people of the world. Keep close to them. May all people realise what it means to have our mothers rendering service not only to their loved ones, to the children at home, but through their ability as leaders of the women of the world.

We dedicate in these services everything relating to this building from the foundation to the turret, and then to thee every nook, every corner and hallway. Accept this house, O God. Protect it. Shield it from harm and destructive elements. But more important, shield it from evil-minded men who would hold in their hearts thoughts of desire to misuse many men and women who are in her care, or destroy in any way the nobility of the soul which the teachers have cultivated in the minds of boys and girls and young people who come here to worship.

We dedicate the ground upon which this building stands, and all things pertaining to the surroundings, the gardens, the rooms, the chapel, everything now, and this organ and other musical instruments we commend to thy charge. Protect this building by thy comforting and guiding influence, and may it never be destroyed until the purposes for which it has been erected are completely fulfilled.

Father in heaven, in this dedication of the Hyde Park place of worship we dedicate our lives to thee and pray that thou wilt give us power so to live, first, that we will be susceptible to the promptings of the spirit, that we labour to say with the pure of old, "We know of thy existence because we have been made partakers of thy divine nature."

We pray for all blessings that thou seest are needful in order that this house may fulfil its high purposes and render service to thy children in the fulfilling of thy purposes—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of all who love thee, and of all thy children, many of whom do not know thee or understand thee, and some who are taught to deny even thy existence.

Pour out thy spirit upon members of these missions and stakes, for we dedicate all unto thee and rejoice in the faithfulness of thy people. We believe in them. We have a confidence in them. We love them.

Now in our assembly here today we unitedly beseech thee to guide this nation and other nations. At this very moment the power of evil seeks the destruction of mankind under a false ideology which promises peace and happiness for humanity which it cannot fulfil. O God, we pray thee on this special day to preserve all people and the nations who are standing for truth, liberty and righteousness.

We dedicate this Hyde Park Chapel, the grounds, we dedicate our minds to thee, the author, in the name of thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and by virtue of the Holy Priesthood, even so. Amen.

President McKay unveils the plaque on his mother's birthplace

A Return to Merthyr

The story of the March 2 unveiling of the plaque on the birthplace of Jennette Evelyn Evans and the ground-breaking of the Merthyr Tydfil Chapel

by Elder Anthony W. Middleton

THE early morning sun shone brightly through the crisp, invigorating air as the small band of Church members and dignitaries assembled at London's Paddington Station. Among their number was the prophet and seer of the Church, David O. McKay, and on this March 2 they had a choice mission—they were to travel as a group to Wales to Merthyr Tydfil for the dedication of a plaque marking the birthplace and childhood home of Jennette Evans, President McKay's mother ; they were also to

attend a ground-breaking ceremony for the start of the new South Wales chapel and stake centre.

The roster of those on the journey reads like a page from *Who's Who.* Elder Hugh B. Brown, a member of the Council of the Twelve, and his wife were there along with President Alvin R. Dyer, President of the European Mission and an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and his wife. President Selvoy Boyer, president of the London Temple, made the journey with his wife, as did Wendell Mendenhall, chairman of the Church Building Committee, his wife, and several members of the Building Committee working in Great Britain.

The presidents of both of the southern missions were there with their wives, President T. Bowring Woodbury of the British Mission and President James Cullimore of the Central British Mission, and President Cullimore's daughter, Nancy. Clifton G. M. Kerr a former president of the British Mission, and a friend of his were present, as was A. Hamer Reiser, also a former president of the British Mission and serving at present as a secretary to the First Presidency. Covering the event for the *Church News,* published in Salt Lake City, was its editor, Henry Smith. With President McKay was his son, Dr. Edward McKay, a noted Salt Lake physician.

Dignitaries present were Sir Thomas Bennett, the head of T. P. Bennett & Sons, whose architectural firm has designed the Hyde Park Chapel, in London, and has done the plans for the new Merthyr chapel, and Mrs. Mollie Clucas, an advertising executive from the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company.

As the eight o'clock train pulled away from Paddington headed for Cardiff, one complete Pullman car was filled with happy Mormons, and a few even spilled over into an adjoining car. The journey was spent in the happy camaraderie of the gospel—members were in constant rotation throughout the car, moving from one group to another to discuss the gospel, anticipate the day's events, or just pass the time of day.

Upon arriving in Cardiff the party met Brother Ralph Pulman, into whose capable hands had been placed responsibility for all physical arrangements. From the very first, when the party was met in Cardiff by a waiting bus and the car for President McKay, the arrangements proceeded with clockwork precision, and Ralph Pulman represented the Welsh saints with singular excellence in his meticulous preparations.

The drive from Cardiff to Merthyr was glorious. The sun was shining down in all its splendour on an earth made soggy with steady months of rain, and it seemed that the clouds had parted specially at the presence of a prophet. Wending its way up the valleys of South Wales towards Merthyr, the caravan, composed of a bus and motor-car, passed by coal tips and collieries alive with activity, and through towns and villages sprinkled with posters advertising the Singing Mothers concert scheduled for that night in Cardiff.

The first stop in Merthyr was at the town hall, where the Mayor, Alderman Charles Evan Webb, and his official staff afforded the party a grand civic reception. In a gracious welcome to Merthyr, which touched the heart of President McKay, the Mayor had the President sign the guest register reserved for important visitors. The Mayor also agreed to a request by

President McKay that he be in attendance at the plaque dedication and at the ground-breaking ceremony to say a few words.

The drive from the Town Hall to the girlhood home of Jennette Evans is not long. The home itself is set in a row of cottages high on the side of one of the mountains which surround Merthyr, and from this vantage point you can look out across Merthyr to the mountainside on the opposite side of the valley, and from there follow the flat slope of the heath until the eye loses sight of it on the horizon.

As the party arrived at the home there were already over 250 people assembled for the event, filling completely the front garden of the home and flowing out to the opposite side of the street. In the front garden a makeshift stand had been improvised upon which the speakers might sit, and a small public address system had been installed.

President Woodbury was the conductor of this meeting, and after his brief introduction of the Church dignitaries he called on President McKay to speak. President McKay is a man who has deeply felt the importance of his mother's guiding and directing influence on his life, and at Merthyr he offered a beautiful appreciation to her. In a voice touched with emotion he spoke. He halted once to compose himself, so deep was the great love and esteem which he held in his heart for his mother, an esteem that only a devoted and loving son can feel.

The assembled crowd was swallowed up in the emotion of those moments, and as the people watched this man of 87 years standing erect and strong in the glorious sunshine with his snow-white hair rippling gently in the crisp breeze, few could help but be impressed that they were listening to a prophet of God, God's chosen servant on earth.

Following President McKay's inspiring talk, Elder Hugh B. Brown offered the dedicatory prayer in his characteristic powerful dignity. Then the plaque was unveiled by President McKay, and afterwards he went inside briefly to once again meet an old acquaintance—Mrs. Morgan, the present tenant of the house.

Mrs. Morgan, aged 79, has lived in the home since she was 11 months old, and it was she that President McKay met and spoke with when he first visited the home in 1899. With her and a few members of the party, President McKay entered the bedroom in which his mother was born so many years ago, and there he stood in grateful contemplation that will never be forgotten by those privileged to be in the room with him.

Outside, President McKay met many of his relatives who were descendants of those who remained behind when little Jennette Evans with her family had made the frightening move half way around the world. Happily he shook hands with them.

From here the crowd went directly to the site of the ground-breaking, further down the hillside. The site of the new chapel is ideal, for from this site, set as it is on the hillside, there is a commanding view of virtually every part of Merthyr. On the site itself a large tent had been erected in anticipation of the perennial Welsh rains, which for this one day were stilled. It was large enough to hold several hundred people, and the pretty plants set on the lip of the stand gave the inside of the tent a nice atmosphere.

The first order of business on the programme was the breaking of the

ground. In this traditional rite, eleven men turned a shovel-full of sod: President McKay, Sir Thomas Bennett, Elder Hugh B. Brown, President Alvin R. Dyer, Alderman Webb, President T. Bowring Woodbury, Wendell Mendenhall, President James Cullimore, Ralph Pulman, John Bustamante and William Hillman. Specially-ordered stainless-steel engraved shovels were used for the occasion.

Following the ceremony Alene Jones, a member of the Church living in Merthyr, presented President McKay with a book on Merthyr. She was wearing native Welsh costume, and looked very attractive in it as she made her presentation.

Several short talks were given —Ralph Pulman spoke on the acquisition of the site; Sir Thomas told of his plans for the building, that it should be built with Welsh materials wherever possible; Alderman Webb spoke of the great enthusiasm the city planners and all the people in Merthyr had for the projected chapel, and urged the Building Committee to build it as quickly as possible; President Cullimore told of how happy he was to be a part of the work; President Reiser told of his testimony that this is the Lord's work; President Kerr related incidents that occurred in his first mission to Great Britain in 1928, and told of the great growth in the Church since then; President Boyer remarked that the completion of the Hyde Park Chapel and the ground-breaking for this new chapel were dreams fulfilled; Elder Hugh B. Brown mentioned that he came first to Wales in 1904, and related experiences that he had had at that time; and then President McKay gave an excellent talk on the importance of seeing only good in others, reprinted elsewhere in this issue of the *Millennial Star*.

As President McKay concluded his talk, and as the last words of the closing prayer were said, the assembled congregation arose spontaneously and broke into a ringing chorus of the traditional Welsh song of farewell:

"We'll keep a welcome in the hillsides,
We'll keep a welcome in the vales,
This land of song will still be singing,
When you come home again to Wales.
This land of song will still be singing,
With a love that never fails.
We'll kiss away each hour of hiraeth
(longing)
When you come home again to Wales."

President McKay stood before the congregation truly touched at this unselfish gesture, and as the meeting broke up everyone, Church member and investigator alike, was thrilled at the moving events that had been witnessed. So it was with hearts lifted up and inspired that all made their way home at the close of this day which marked the opening of the New Era in Church growth in Merthyr.

And as the group from London wended its way back down the valleys of South Wales to whence it came, the sun was settling ever closer to the horizon in the west and soon the ruddy glow of the sunset of a day that will long live in the memories of those privileged to be present was cast over the whole of Wales. And that night, as the happy, weary travellers parted company at Paddington Station, there was only one thought in their minds —the memory of the day that a McKay returned to Merthyr to do his mother honour and instigate the opening of a New Era.

President McKay renews his friendship with Anne Morgan, tenant for the past 79 years of the home in which Jennette Evelyn Evans was born and spent her early childhood. President McKay met her at the home on his first visit there in 1899.

A Remembrance of Mother

Remarks of President McKay at the dedication of the memorial plaque on the home in which his mother was born in Merthyr Tydfil, March 2

THIS morning before leaving the hotel, I took occasion to write down what I should like to say on this occasion. President Reiser has written it on our way down to Wales:

If departed loved ones are interested in our mortal strivings, anxieties, failures and achievements, and by means of some spiritual power they be cognisant of our actions, I hope Father and Mother share the joy of this inspiring occasion.

Here in Plas Helygan House, Mother began her mortal existence. She came as a little babe, "trailing clouds of glory from God, who is our home." Here, "heaven lay about her in her infancy."

We assemble in gratitude for her parents, Thomas Evans and his wife, Margaret Powell, who responded to the message of the declaration of the gospel and possessed sufficient courage to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, grateful that they took baby Jennette with their other children and made their home in Ogden, Utah.

When Jennette was in her 17th year she married David McKay. Ten children—six girls and four boys—proudly and gratefully call her "Mother." On their behalf and on behalf of her 33 grandchildren, an honoured and grateful posterity, I now unveil this plaque as a feeble expression of our gratitude for life, love, watchful guidance, care and protection that Mother gave us.

As one of those children, who in childhood and youth gave you, my Mother, greatest cause for worry and anxiety, I stand at your birthplace and declare:

The holiest words my tongue can frame,
The noblest thoughts my soul can claim,
Unworthy are to praise the name,
More precious than all other.

An infant when your love first came,
A man I found it still the same.
Reverently I breathe the name,
The precious name, of Mother.

May we lowly children, your descendants, be guided by Kind Providence, which shaped your life, Mother, and be ever blessed and inspired that we may always keep your name in honour.

Dedicatory Prayer of Elder Hugh B. Brown

O GOD, our Heavenly and eternal Father, humbly we bare and bow our heads before Thee on this auspicious occasion to express our gratitude for what transpired here more than 100 years ago.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thomas Adair Evans and Margaret Powell lived in this humble cottage, and that, among others, there was born to them Jennette Evelyn Evans, who was destined to become the mother of a prophet of God. We thank Thee, Father, for the faith and fortitude and courage that enabled this family, after having had borne in their souls a testimony of the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the courage to go forward even into the far West and there out in Weber County in the city of Ogden establish a home.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that at the time this little girl was growing up, a boy was growing up in Scotland, and he was the son of the McKays. His name was David. They too heard and embraced the gospel, and they went west at about the same time. Out there, in Ogden, David and Jennette met and married, and for them, O Lord, we thank Thee, for they became the parents of ten wonderful children, the most illustrious of whom is with us here today.

He became an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, and later a prophet, seer, revelator and president of the Church. He, with us today, has met to honour the name of his sainted mother. Now Heavenly Father, on behalf of the posterity of this wonderful woman and her husband, David McKay, we express gratitude to Thee, not only on their behalf, but on behalf of all the people of the Church.

We thank Thee, O God, that in this humble cottage this little girl was born, and that under Thy guidance she and her husband, having gone west, built up a posterity, established a kingdom within the Kingdom of God. Humbly we thank Thee for them.

We now have unveiled this plaque which was done by her son, and on behalf of the people of the Church and this community we express this appreciation and dedicate this plaque to her blessed memory, that it may be an inspiration to all of her posterity and to all of the people of the Church and the community to live righteously, obey Thy laws, keep Thy commandments and enjoy Thy blessings.

We now ask Thy benediction upon this occasion, and again thank Thee for Thy mercies, all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President McKay turns the first shovelful of dirt

Remarks of President McKay at the Merthyr Ground-Breaking

SIR THOMAS, Mayor Webb, President and Sister Boyer, and fellow travellers, my fellow countrymen. You know, I will ever regret in my heart that as a child I did not learn Welsh from Mother. I heard it every time Uncle Morgan Powell came into the kitchen. And that was often, because mother cooked his bread—Uncle Morgan never married. He lived only half a block from where I lived in Huntsville, and whenever he entered I would hear my mother say, *dyma un way driog* (this is a wicked one.) Then she and Uncle Morgan would talk Welsh. But I paid no attention to it. How foolish! I might have learned Welsh as a child, and could speak to you in your native language. About all I remember was what Uncle Morgan called me, a *bachan bach* (small boy).

My heart is full of gratitude today. Two of the speakers were speaking about the time they first came here. I first came to Great Britain 62 years ago as a missionary, and came to Wales in 1899. That is the last of the other century, and we had difficulty in finding the spot on which the plaque was placed today. I was permitted to come from Scotland down to England, to Liverpool, and then made a trip over to Wales and first saw my mother's birthplace. There was no difficulty in finding it once you knew.

Thanks to Brother Reiser, who first

suggested several years ago, when he was president of the British Mission, that a plaque should be placed on mother's birthplace. I feel indebted today to Sir Thomas for having made such a beautiful plaque as I had the honour and pleasure of unveiling today. I thank you in your presence.

Happy that Building to be in Merthyr

I am thankful for the presence of the mayor, for his gracious welcome this morning, for the attendance of you men and you women who have travelled all this distance, and for your presence here this morning. I do appreciate your presence here today preceding this eventful occasion, the breaking ground of the new chapel of South Wales. I'm glad it is in Merthyr. I know the people of Merthyr will appreciate the attitude of the Church in putting up such a chapel for worshipping the true God, and His Son, Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, who founded the Church in the Meridian of Times. He was persecuted, misunderstood and finally crucified on a cross by those who did not understand Him, but who heard Him say, "Father forgive them ; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23: 34.) His last thought was of His mother, of whom He said, "Mother, Woman, behold thy son!" according to John, the disciple who stood by her side. "(Son,) Behold thy mother!" (John 19: 26-27.)

Sister Alene Jones presents President McKay with a memento, a book on Merthyr Tydfil

I appreciate your gathering here this morning, and your singing "Love At Home." It was significant, because of the love of home that was about us here today—my son, my wife and daughter who are in London unable to make the trip, but my son is here. We have had the privilege of meeting relatives—the Powells, the Evanses, the Davises, and others who have remained in this part, and I am glad that they have had the privilege of working continually for a house of the Lord here.

Sir Thomas Bennett Lauded

I am grateful for what Sir Thomas has done so ably and so willingly, for he denied himself other opportunities when he assumed the responsibility of erecting the London Temple, which stands as a credit to him. And as I walked through the London Chapel, not the London Temple, but the London Chapel, which is the Hyde Park Chapel, I admired even more than ever his workmanship, his care, his vision and his willingness to deny himself for the good of the Church.

The Hyde Park Chapel is a monument, as I have said before, and it is a monument to the progress of the Church in this country, for there were many of those who have spoken to you

Part of the large crowd attending the ground-breaking

today who had to meet in halls, rented halls, as you do now.

My father, who was here 80 years ago as a missionary, went up in Scotland and they would not rent him a hall even. In the *Millennial Star* you will find a letter which my father wrote from the north of Scotland to the president of the European Mission in which he said that they found it impossible even to rent a hall in which to bear a humble message of the restoration. He says there that it was "Hobson's choice," to hold an open air meeting or not to preach in public at all. And so by Hobson's choice he held the open air meeting up in Scotland.

So I say that the Hyde Park Chapel is a monument to progress. It stands there in the heart of London, an honour to the city, a credit to the city, an honour to the Church, a credit to Sir Thomas, the architect, and his staff of workers.

I am glad we have here today members of the Building Committee, who have charge of building this chapel and others throughout Great Britain. There will be opportunity for work missionaries to build these chapels so economically that many who have never had an opportunity of attending their own chapel will very soon in the future have an opportunity to be worshipping in their own chapels.

Plaque Dedication Appreciated

I say I am grateful for all this, and thank you this afternoon, one and all, for your presence at the unveiling, which I thought would be a simple affair, and so told President Reiser two years ago. When he suggested that we have some organisation, I said:

"No, we will take the plaque and only two or three of us will go up and put it on mother's birthplace."

And there was a large appreciative crowd which brought tears to my eyes, and it was difficult for me even to speak on this occasion, so impressed was I with it. President Woodbury, and his wife, Sister Woodbury, and particularly the president of this branch, Brother Pulman—Brother Pulman is, I think, a relative of Dan Jones, the first missionary to Wales. You who are acquainted with short histories know that Dan Jones was in Carthage Jail with the Prophet when they were unjustly accused. He was under sentence as was the Prophet. The Prophet Joseph said to him:

"They will not take your life. You will yet go back to Wales and preach the gospel to your people."

Dan Jones came here as the first missionary among the Welsh people. And you have here a relative in this branch of that heroic loyal man.

Now that I have referred to the spirit of opposition and misunderstanding, not only the Saviour in His work, but in the work of missionaries

in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Great Britain, there comes to my mind a story that happened when the English demanded that the Japanese open their doors to the world. Before that time there is the story of a Japanese philosopher, the substance of which I think I will repeat:

Story of Japanese Philosopher

The Japanese are great people for choosing beautiful sites, just as we are thrilled today with the site that is chosen by our representatives. But in Japan even now if you follow a trail through a woods you can be sure that it will end at a beautiful view. It may be a view of Fujiyama, the snow-capped peak in the distance; it may be a beautiful forest or a lake.

Before the English demanded the opening of the Japanese gates, an old philosopher went outside of the gates of Tokyo and studied the beauties of nature. Then he would come in at night and make the people who surrounded him give lessons.

One morning as he was about to go on his daily studies, one of the townspeople met him and said:

"When you come in tonight, will you please bring me a rose that I may study the lesson that you gave us?"

And he said:

"I will bring you a rose."

A second met him, and said:

"Will you bring me a hawthorne twig, that I may continue the lesson you gave?"

"I will bring you a hawthorne twig."

And just as he was leaving the gates a third accosted him and said:

"Will you bring me a lily that I may study the lesson?"

And he gave his promise to the third.

As he returned in the evening the three were there at the gate to meet him. To the first he gave the rose, to the second the hawthorne twig, to the third the lily.

President McKay speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony

Suddenly the man with the rose said, "Well, here is a thorn clinging to the stem of my rose." The second, prompted by the spirit of complaint, said, "And here is a dead leaf clinging to my hawthorne twig." And the third, "And here is dirt clinging to the roots of my lily."

"Let me see," said the old philosopher, and he took the rose from the first, the hawthorne twig from the second, the lily from the third. He broke the thorn from the stem of the rose and gave it to the first. He took the leaf from the hawthorne twig and handed it to the second. He took the dirt from the lily and put in the hands of the third, and then said :

"I have given to each of you what attracted you first. You looked for the thorn, and it was there. You saw the dead leaf—I left it on purposely. And so I left the dirt which you saw first.

"Each of you may keep what attracted you first. I will keep the rose, the hawthorn twig and the lily for the beauty I see in them."

Moral—Look Only For Good In People

So it is in life. Each of us may have a thorn—Paul himself refers to the thorn in the flesh. Some even may have a dead leaf showing, a reputation that might be a little soiled. Some of our fellow-people might even have a little dirt clinging to their character.

But everyone also has the rose in his character; everyone also has the hawthorn twig; and there are many who have the lily. It is well for us to look for that which is good and shut our eyes to that which is bad. The Saviour gave that lesson many years ago when He said :

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matthew 7:12)

President McKay signs the
the Lord Mayor, Ald

There is a favourite old song in one of our hymn-books, and it cannot be sung too often in our branch meetings and in our ward meetings. Part of it says :

Nay, speak no ill; . . . but lenient be
To other's failings as your own.
If you're the first a fault to see,
Be not the first to make it known,
For life is but a passing day;
No lip may tell how brief its span;
Then, O the little time we stay,
Let's speak of all the best we can.
Give me the heart that fain would hide,
Would fain another's faults efface.
How can it please the human pride
To prove humanity but base?
No, let us reach a higher mood,
A nobler estimate of man;
Be earnest in the search for good
And speak of all the best we can.
Then speak no ill, but lenient be
To other's failings as your own.

I give that this afternoon because as these branches grow, and wards are organised, they may be annoyed, perhaps have difficulty, because of what people say, and the fault-finding which

Merthyr guest book while
erman Webb, looks on

maybe occurs. It often ruins the heart, and our hearts are very tender things —human hearts are tender. It is always best to look for the best in others, and look for the evil in our own selves.

Blessed World-Wide Membership

God bless you, my brothers and sisters in Merthyr, in Wales, in England, Scotland, in Ireland, in Germany, the Scandinavian countries, in Holland, yes, in Japan, China, and the other countries, for only by obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ will come peace to the world. The only enemy of peace is to declare falsely the ideal and say that you are looking for peace. The communists say there is no God, there is no Christ; home is a matter which we should break up, the state takes care of that. Nothing could be more false.

As already repeated today, Peter was the one who testified to those who arrested him, when they asked that he testify more about that Man who cured the lame-limbed man, by whose power he had been cured? when they said, "You tell us by what power this man stands healed?" One of the greatest pictures in all the world is Peter, who faced the very men who had crucified the Christ, and said:

"You demand to know by what power this man stands before you whole. I say to you by the power of Jesus Christ, whom ye crucified, whom ye put to death, who in three days rose from the grave. By that same power doth this man stand before you whole."

And then he said:

"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Now that is the mission not only of you elders, members of branches, but all who are commissioned by the Lord to preach the gospel to every creature.

"He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Luke 15: 16.)

To Establish Brotherhood

Be kind to one another. Let us establish brotherhood, a universal brotherhood for whom all Christians are praying and seeking. Let us pray, in the words of poor, unfortunate Burns:

"Let us pray that come what may
As come it will for all us,
That man to man shall brothers be
Above all else.
It's coming yet for all that,
That man to man the world over,
Shall always be for all other."

I shall never forget this day. I shall never cease to appreciate what we have done today. I leave my blessing with you and all who have been associated with it, all who have participated. I thank you with all my heart and pray for God's blessings to be with you that you complete the edifice, the ground of which was broken this day in the presence of such dignified people, in the presence of the Lord, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leeds, Leicester, London, Manchester . . .

Four Stakes For Britain

by Anthony W. Middleton

IN a period of three weeks covering February and March, three new stakes have been created in Great Britain and another has been reorganised to make a total of four stakes of Zion in Great Britain.

London Stake

Concurrent with the dedication of the new Hyde Park Chapel in London on February 26, the London stake was created with Donald W. Hemingway named to be the stake president, and James P. Hill and James R. Cunningham to serve as his first and second counsellors, respectively.

The stake was created under the direction of President David O. McKay, Elder Hugh B. Brown, a member of the Council of the Twelve, and Elders Alvin R. Dyer and Nathan Eldon Tanner, both Assistants to the Council of the Twelve. The announcement of the appointments and the sustaining vote of the members took place on Sunday afternoon, February 26, in a meeting of all London area saints in the Hyde Park Chapel. Following as it did the dedication of the Hyde Park Chapel by President David O. McKay, which took place in the morning of the same day, the stake creation was witnessed by 1,000 in the chapel proper and the cultural hall, plus 600 more scattered through five rooms in the building who saw and heard the proceedings by means of a closed-circuit television system installed specially for the occasion.

As presented and accepted by unanimous vote, the London stake consists of six wards and two branches. The wards created were the Hyde Park, South London, North London, Luton, St. Albans and Crawley. The two branches within the stake are Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City.

John Trevor was named to be the stake clerk with Ronald Ewer as his assistant clerk.

The London stake is fortunate to have living within its boundaries Lewis W. Moore, a man working with the Church Building Committee, who served as a patriarch previously in his home stake in California. Brother Moore will henceforth offer his services to the stake as its patriarch. The presidency of the High Priest Quorum will be the men of the stake presidency.

Named to serve as the stake mission president is Milton Q. Beck. His counsellors are Edward Prince and William Baldocks.

High councilmen named for the London stake are Stanford Bird, Arthur Henderson, Walter Chiles, Wilfrid Clark, Victor Palmer, Joseph Darling, Cecil Kearns, Frank Betteridge and Ralph Mount. All of these men have been ordained to be High Priests, as were all members of the stake presidency and all bishoprics.

Named to head the Relief Society was Olive Perry; the YMMIA and the YWMIA are guided by John Taverner and Mary Andrew, respectively. Donna Hemingway is called to lead the Primary Association, and Wilfrid Clark is in charge of the stake genealogical committee.

The London stake consists of approximately 1,600 members.

Leicester Stake

On March 5, one week after the creation of the London Stake, the Leicester Stake was organised from parts of the old Nottingham and Birmingham Districts and the newer Leicester District in a meeting held in the Essoldo Cinema in Loughborough. The organisation was presided over by Elder Hugh B. Brown, Elder Alvin R. Dyer and Elder Nathan Eldon Tanner.

Called to serve as the stake president was Derek Alfred Cuthbert, who had served previously as the first counsellor in the British Mission presidency and as the district president of the Leicester District. Named as his first counsellor is Kenneth John Poole, and his second counsellor becomes Clarence Wright Woodward. The stake clerk is James Freeland Rankin, and his assistant clerk is Albert Edward Asher.

Set apart to serve as the patriarch of the stake is Oliver Storer, who became the first native Briton to serve as the patriarch of a stake on British soil. The High Priest Quorum presidency is the same as the stake presidency, and called to serve as the stake mission president is Rodney David Boulton.

High councilmen named are Benjamin Cooper, George W. Winfield, Derek Dixon, Arthur Bryan Palmer, Thomas A. W. Hezseltine, Clive Banfield Payne, James Mawle and Frank Thomas Tennant.

The Relief Society president of the Leicester Stake is Beatrice Hilda Storer, while the Primary Association head is Gwendel Violet Burgess. Arthur Bryan Palmer is the genealogical chairman. Called to serve as the leader of the YMMIA is Leslie Lamar Megeney, and Margaret Joyce Bowler is to head the YWMIA.

The Leicester Stake is organised with six wards and two branches and a stake population of 2,133. The wards are the Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Eastwood, Leicester and Nottingham; and the branches are the Loughborough and Wolverhampton.

Two weeks later, on March 19, the Manchester Stake was divided in a meeting in the Palace Theatre in Manchester, and from the division came the Leeds Stake and a reorganised Manchester Stake. The meeting in Manchester, with an attendance of 2,088, was one that broke all attendance records back to the year 1840, when Parley P. Pratt presided over a meeting at which 2,500 people were present in Manchester's Carpenter Hall.

The organisation was presided over by Elder Hugh B. Brown and Elder Nathan Eldon Tanner.

Manchester Stake

The Manchester Stake as reorganised shows not too many changes. Robert G. Larsen remains the stake president, and his counsellors are

London Stake Presidency (left to right): James P. Hill, first counsellor, Donald W. Hemingway, president, James R. Cunningham, second counsellor

William Bates and James Roy Caddick, first and second counsellor respectively. Brother Bates served formerly as the second counsellor of the Manchester Stake. The stake clerk is Benjamin Thorpe.

The High Priest Quorum president is Albert Woodruff, with Harry Butler as his first counsellor. John Eckersley becomes the stake mission president.

High councilmen named are Henry Boren, Derek Plumbley, Thomas L. Smith, Eric Cryer, Henry J. Baldwin, Ernest Preston, William C. Page, John Vernon, George Doughty and Herbert Woodhead.

With a population of approximately 2,800 people, the stake now consists of eight wards and six branches. Wards included are the Liverpool, Manchester, Manchester South, Oldham, Rochdale, Radcliffe, Burnley and Preston. The branches within the stake are the Stockport, Wigan, Worrell, Blackburn, Southport and Rawtenstall.

Leeds Stake

On the same Sunday, the Leeds Stake was created, with Dennis Livesey named to be the stake president. Called to serve as his counsellors are Raymond C. Bustin and Alvin I. Holton, respectively the first and second

Manchester Stake Presidency (left to right): William Bates, first counsellor, Robert G. Larsen, president, James Roy Caddick, second counsellor

Leeds Stake Presidency (left to right): Raymond C. Bustin, first counsellor, Dennis Livesey, president, Alvin I. Holton, second counsellor

counsellor. The stake clerk is Terry Howard Sirth, and he is assisted by Leslie Alcock.

The High Priest Quorum presidency is the same as the stake presidency, with the exception of its secretary, who is Leslie Alcock. The stake mission president is Neil McEwan, who served in the same capacity in the former Manchester Stake.

High councilmen are Fred Laycock, Ernest B. Machell, Owen Cottage, John Leonard, Ernest Beattie, Frank Holroyd, Neil McEwan, Arthur Gregory and Louis A. Brownlow.

As organised, the Leeds Stake has approximately 2,000 members divided between seven wards and two dependent branches. The wards are the Bradford, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, Halifax, Leeds, Doncaster and Sheffield. The Barnsley Branch is dependent upon the Doncaster Ward and the Rotherham Branch is dependent upon the Sheffield Ward.

Leicester Stake Presidency (left to right): Clarence W. Woodward, second counsellor, Derek A. Cuthbert, president, Kenneth J. Poole, first counsellor

In organising all of these stakes the general authorities in charge carefully explained the new duties, obligations and privileges which stakehood meant to an area of the Church. All of the officers called by the Lord to serve were carefully voted upon, and were sustained in every case unanimously by the membership of the stake. With this ringing mandate of approval, four stakes stand today with a fresh enthusiasm on the brink of great accomplishment. And with the help of the Lord they shall succeed.

"MY WIFE" *(continued)*

in the home, Church, community, university and college. She has realised the truthfulness in the conclusion of Richard Baxter, the English divine, that:

". . . The more musical the ear, the more pleasant the melody. The more perfect the soul, the more joyous the joys of heaven and the more glorious that glory."

It is very evident that persons outstandingly talented in one direction are comparably talented in other lines. This is certainly true concerning my companion. Besides her genius and attainments in music she is an artist painter, an exceptional cook, an excellent seamstress, a charming hostess, a vital entertainer, an interesting conversationalist, an enlightening teacher, a solicitous neighbour, an enthusiastic citizen, an expert home maker and a faithful Church member.

In addition to the possession of these and many other striking qualifications, she has often expressed a rare and delightful sense of humour. In this connection the philosophy of Thomas Carlyle should be called to mind. He wrote:

"True humour springs not more from the head than from the heart. It is not contempt; its essence is love. It issues not in laughter, but in still smiles, which lie far deeper."

Being touched by the glow of this natural spirit and source of humour, hosts of people have been stimulated by her quick and subtle ability to see and give expression to the humorous.

The American historian, George Bancroft, wrote:

"Beauty is but the sensible image of the Infinite—Like truth and justice it lies within us..."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American poet, recorded with emphasis:

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament..."

And L. M. Child has written:

"Music is a prophecy of what life is to be, the rainbow of promise translated out of seeing into hearing."

Through heredity, study and training Dr. Florence Jepperson Madsen is not only appreciative of the beautiful in tonal art, music, but, also, in everything that can be classified as beautiful to the hearing and to the sight. Thus, she appreciates nature and all its various beauties. Some of these that especially appeal to her are: the sunrise, the sunset, the clear night sky, the moon and the stars, the hills, mountains, dells, valleys, meadows, birds, rivers, brooks, streams, falls, trees, shrubs and flowers. All of these and many others especially appeal to her.

To her, "nature," as the philosopher Novalis taught, is:

"An Aeolian harp, a musical instrument, whose tones are the re-echo of higher strings within us."

And, again, in her, "nature," as the poet Goethe wrote, is: "The living visible garment of God."

From her childhood days, Florence has developed, shown and expressed a lively spirit of deep appreciation for all truth, goodness and beauty, and for people. Such appreciation is, itself, a "fruit" of greatest value. Great thinkers have emphasised it in their writings and lectures. Thus, William Makepeace Thackeray wrote: "Next to excellence is the appreciation of it."

And Margaret Fuller has written: "... next to beauty is the power of appreciating it."

All of her domestic, Church and professional activities are "fruits" of excellence and are precious jewels in the crown of her fruitful life. These have been rich blessings to her family, friends, associates, students and acquaintances as well as to herself.

An active faith in God; a strong testimony of the Gospel; a prayerful spirit and practise; a friendly, sympathetic attitude; clear vision and wide perspectives; kind and helpful works; wise, purposeful activities are, likewise, "fruits" of her productive, useful, happy life. These, in turn, have been functional urges to, and guides in, further efforts toward added achievements.

Peter the apostle wrote: "Be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5: 5-6.) And the English physician, John Mason Good, declared that, "The richest pearl in the Christian's crown of graces is humility."

In all of her activities Florence has always worn the cloak of humility and has sensed the great importance of the richness of its virtue. Concerning her gift of humility, President Woodbury wrote:

"Gifted and endowed with special musical talents as few women of the world, yet she chooses to be meek in her greatness and seeks to serve the Lord at every opportunity."

The most important thing in her life is to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and to serve in its various organisations with all her gifts, talents and strength. For several years she has served on the General Board of the Relief Society of the Church. She looks upon this office as a rare privilege, and is, as such, a source of high inspiration, deep satisfaction and constant joy to her.

Her mission here in Great Britain, training the Singing Mothers for their performances in the dedicatory services of the new Hyde Park Chapel in London and for the concerts they gave in London and on their concert tour jointly with the Singing Mothers from America, became likewise beautiful, prized and joyous "fruits" of achievement.

Surely, as stated in a paraphrased eulogetic statement by Phillips Brooks, it can be said of Dr. Florence Jepperson Madsen:

"... If every woman were such as you, and every life a life like yours, this earth would be God's paradise."

TOUR TESTIMONIES *(continued)*

● ***Eileen W. Dixon of Birmingham:***

I was so thrilled when I was chosen to join the Singing Mothers on their concert tour. I am afraid that I had not given a thought as to what would happen to my family if I did go, but my husband said not to worry about that and to just get down to the business of learning the songs. Twice a week I made the journey, which took me an hour and a half each way, to learn the songs. My husband and I

seemed to pass each other on the stairs, but we both felt that this calling was important.

One of the sisters in the Church offered to have my two-year-old daughter, and my mother-in-law said she would have my ten-month-old baby.

As the days drew shorter and the time for the tour was not far away, I was taken ill with kidney trouble and had to stay in bed for two weeks. Well, I thought, this is it. I shan't be able to go. But I fought back and practised my songs while lying in bed. I could learn the words if I could not learn the music.

After this setback I had to take things easy, but I managed still to get out to the practises. Then came the final blow, or so I thought. My husband was brought home from the leadership meeting very ill. He went straight to bed when he came in, and not long after, my brother and the branch president came round to administer to him. On the Sunday he was worse, and steaming like a boiling kettle. I was sure he had pneumonia.

I sent for the doctor, and when he came he told me to keep him in bed for a week. I was supposed to be in London by Wednesday, but by now it looked impossible. But my husband was determined that I should go. " What will people think of me," I said, " if I go and leave you in bed? " " Never mind what others think," he said. " It's what I'll think if you don't go that counts.'

So on the Tuesday I started packing, but still I felt a little worried as to what would happen.

Our branch president came in his van to take us over to my mother-in-law to take the baby, but first he took us round to the sister's home to take the little girl. When we arrived there we were told that the sister's little girl had the measles and that they had sent her to her aunt's so that they could still have my little girl. We then went round to my husband's parents and my husband had to go straight to bed.

I felt terrible that night as I walked down the road on my way home, but that night I prayed to the Lord that my family would be taken care of, and from then on my cares seemed to be lifted from my shoulders. I travelled on the Wednesday still feeling a little apprehensive, but happy too. I am so glad that I was able to come on this tour and am grateful for everyone who had made it possible.

I have a testimony of the gospel. I know that it is true, and I am so glad to be able to serve the Lord in every way possible.

● ***A letter written by Gladys Larkham of Cambridge to Brother and Sister Madsen :***

When we were saying our fond farewells this morning on the dockside, reserve kept me from kissing you both goodbye but I did so in spirit.

Having arrived home, I felt I must sit down and write to say thank you both for your love and sympathy, your kindness and friendliness which so warmed our hearts and encouraged us to do our utmost to please you, knowing that in pleasing you we should be pleasing our Heavenly Father too. I am sure that the angels were singing with us.

Thank you also for reviving our appreciation of the art of good singing so pleasing to the ear, which many of us have neglected for so long. As a tribute to you we must not let it be neglected again, but use it in our branches for the benefit of others.

May God bless you with continued health and strength and safe journey home, so that you will be able to train many others to sing well.

We shall never forget you and the great experience we have all had together in this missionary effort. May its effects bring in a rich harvest of souls for the Lord.

Then in an added P.S. she said:

While I am writing, Sister Madsen, I would like to mention that when we received our 22 pieces of music I took them along to the conductor of our Townswomen's Guild choral group and asked for her help as I felt I needed it badly. After looking them over she remarked that even with her training and experience she would find it difficult to learn those in the time, to be word and note perfect. "These pieces have been chosen for trained singers," she said. Isn't it wonderful what the Lord's help can do? Although I did not get much help or encouragement from her, I did hope that she would come to hear what we could do and what we had achieved under your direction, but she didn't—she considered it an impossible task. And for two of us to travel 120 miles to practice with the group was quite beyond her comprehension. However, the final result was well worth the effort for us.

● ***In a letter to Sister Madsen, Mary Clark had this to say:***

My heart is so full that I could never be able to find words to speak to you. From the very first time I met you I have just developed so fast in voice and spirit that I am a different person.

I thought I was in heaven on earth when my husband and family were sealed to me in the temple, but then I had not met you! Every wise word you have spoken is just engraved in my mind and heart. I was not much of a singer before.

I have always had great joy in listening to music, but it is small compared to the joy of being able to express my love for the Lord in song. The first time I heard "Thy Blessing On This House" I just wept. Now *I* can sing it.

I just so admire the control that all good singers have over their voices. I so admire your knowledge of music and your great spirit in giving this knowledge to us, the Singing Mothers. Long ago I determined not to be the "weak link in the chain." If I am not 100 per cent sure of a phrase I do not sing. However, more *work* by me and there will be no parts I do not sing.

Long after the tour all my life will be enriched by being a Singing Mother. My home will have to be full of tenderness and light as I have a new dimension and a more acute perception of the way things should be.

● ***Pat Wiles of Crawley wrote this to Sister Madsen:***

I just had to write and let you know how much I have enjoyed singing in the choir. I have tried very hard to remember everything you have told us so that when you go back home at least your teachings will be left behind.

The friendship we have had one with another is absolutely wonderful. These days will last for ever in my memory. The word "sister" has taken on a much clearer and world-wide meaning and I suddenly feel part of the Church, whereas before I was just a member.

I will always try to sing the way you have taught us, and who knows, before we know where we are our whole branch will be singing that way. Think of how the gospel can be spread just by a smile and a song!

● ***President William Bates, the ticket chairman for the Singing Mothers Manchester Concert, wrote this concerning some publicity work he did:***

I thought you might be interested in a little incident regarding the Singing Mothers.

After having received instructions from you (President Woodbury) to start publicity, I designed the posters you now have and had an extra 60 printed to send to the billposting company for pasting up in the city centre.

Nothing happened for a week after I sent them, so I phoned. The man said he was sorry, but they had regular contracts and were short of space. There was no chance of putting these out, etc. I put the phone down, prayed that it would be made possible to exhibit these posters, and left it at that.

The following day I received this letter:

Dear Mr. Bates,

Further to our telephone conversation of yesterday regarding the posters for your forthcoming concert at the Free Trade Hall.

Owing to the unexpected cancellation of a cinema posting, we shall be able to put your posters in position immediately, and so give you a three weeks' display as you wished.

Assuring you of our best attention on all occasions.

Yours faithfully
H. Wade, Manager.

Of course I know this is the work of the Lord, but it is quite thrilling to see him working so deftly and quickly.

NEW ERA CALENDAR

OF BRANCH AND DISTRICT EVENTS

January 26—Grimsby Branch held a bazaar and raised £11 10s. 0d., for new hymn-books. Young Malcolm Eley managed his white elephant stall expertly and with a flair for salesmanship which speaks well for the future. The ever popular fish stall in the care of Brother Jenner did a roaring trade as did the cake stall which Sisters Eley and Oxley took charge of. Other stalls in the charge of Brother Cook, and Sisters Lloyd, Elloway, Caster and Jenner also helped tempt purchasers with a fine variety of goods which were quickly sold.

January 28—For the second year in succession, Rochdale Ward MIA presented a traditional Christmas pantomime. Written by Jean Dale and produced by Frankland Gilbert, all members of the Ward MIA were given opportunities of participating either on or off the stage. Darrell Woodhead made a sprightly "Cat" and served his master "Dick Whittington" played by Phyllis Gilbert well. Frankland Gilbert as the "Dame," Herbert Woodhead as "Idle Jack" and Harry Brooks as "Alderman Fitzwarren" offended none of the traditionalists with their

sparkling performances. The costumes, lighting and sound effects gave a professional finish to this spirited production which merited rave notices in the local press. The company played to packed houses at home before being taken to Bradford for the Yorkshire members of the Stake to see.

February 10—" Beatniks " turned out in force for the " Beatnik Ball " sponsored by the Grimsby Branch Primary. Authentically dressed " Beatniks " danced in a recreation room transformed into a " dive " with newspaper-decorated walls and small tables around the dancing space. The programme included plenty of " rock ", but old favourites such as the " Virginia Reel " still found favour with the not too bohemian youngsters. After the chip and pea supper, Brother Walton, Sister Lloyd and Sister Haith entertained with two lively skits before Janet Haith and Elaine Skelton took over with a demonstration of foot jive.

Rawtenstall Branch have won the Preston District Sunday School Trophy for two consecutive months, December 1960 and January 1961. This award is given for the best percentage of attendance at Sunday School in the district and is largely due to the outstanding efforts made by the Sunday School Superintendent, Brother J. Butterworth, and his assistants, Sisters May Nuttall and Edna Butterworth. The Branch is also running a highly successful dancing class under the direction of Raymond Jennings. During the six months Brother Jennings has been a member of the Church he has done much to encourage the youth to attend their meetings regularly. His dancing class is always very well attended and is proving a big attraction with teenagers.

Congratulations to Pamela Johnson of Catford on gaining the coveted Golden Gleaner Award. She was presented with the Golden Gleaner pin at the London Stake Gold and Green Ball by Stake President Donald Hemmingway.

Come To The Youth Convention

THE great annual Youth Convention will be held at Warner's Holiday Camp, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, this year.

A full programme of sport, music, drama, speech and dancing will be presented. Entries are invited directly from branches, not as previously announced from districts only. As in previous years, the week-end will be climaxed with a testimony meeting where the most outstanding talks special guest speakers and messages from General Authorities will be heard.

FEATURED SPEAKER: ELDER NATHAN ELDON TANNER, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE, IN PERSON.

The cost is lower than ever, only £1 15s. for the four- to eleven-year-olds, and £3 7s. 6d. for twelve-year-olds and upwards.

THE DATE: WHIT WEEK-END, MAY 19, 20, 21.

Everyone goes to the Youth Convention and everyone will have the opportunity of taking an active part in competitions. See your MIA Officers right away and obtain booking forms so that you will be sure of your place at the highlight of MIA year.

February 11—Under the expert direction of Bob Thistleton, the youth of Hull Branch organised a Valentine Social and Dance. Novel decorations illustrating the theme of the evening were designed and made by the young people, who also supplied the music for dancing. An amplifier failure caused temporary difficulty, but this was soon remedied by youthful ingenuity. The most successful feature of the evening was the "Marriage Bureau" staffed by the missionaries, who found no shortage of clients! The attendance of 150 marked an all-time record for a branch social.

February 14—President Arthur Jones welcomed a record number to the Weston-Super-Mare Branch Valentine Dance. Novelty games and dancing sparked off an evening which provided something to the taste of both the young in years and the young in heart.

February 14—About 24 young people had a lot of fun at the Worcester Branch Valentine Dance. Terry Jones saw that there was a varied programme of dances whilst Sister Haines provided tasty refreshments. Rosemary Avery's sweetheart decorations gave a romantic atmosphere to the occasion.

February 24—"Make Believe Land" was the title given to the Nottingham MIA pantomime. A well written story, good acting, tuneful music and topical jokes added to the laurels won by the branch in previous productions. Because of overwhelming demand, a repeat performance was given the following evening.

November 11—Norwich Branch elders honoured retiring branch president Bert Martins and his family at a social. The Martins family have a special place in the hearts of the Norwich members, who showed their love and appreciation by presenting Brother Martins with a photograph album and Sister Martins with a three-strand pearl necklace.

December 17—Scarborough's Primary Mother, Sister Adams, with Brother Adams, and Sisters Pat Coyne and Virginia Dalby were really kept on the move seeing that 40 of the Primary children were well fed and entertained at their Christmas party.

December 22—It was Bristol's turn for a Primary party and these lucky West Country children took home balloons and jamboree bags as mementos of their fun time.

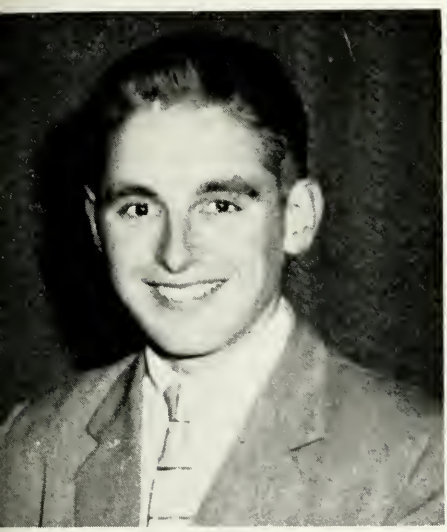
December 22—The Birmingham MIA "Cavalcade of Music" played to a capacity audience and presented a scintillating show which ranged from Victorian melodrama to '61 style rock. Ann Tedder revived memories of the hey day of music hall; Barbara Keight, Derek Dixon and the boys sang numbers from "South Pacific" before the "corps de ballet" attempted to demonstrate why classical ballet is so popular, and a fine bevy of 1920's beauties they were. Brother and Sister Norman Paterson ably showed by their enthusiastic direction that no talent is hidden so deep that it cannot be used in MIA.

December 23—Bristol MIA began celebrating Christmas with a party which heralded the festive season in a big way.

December 24—On Christmas Eve about a dozen children from the Birmingham Junior Sunday School met Branch President Frank Tennant, Sister Blackman and Brothers Colson and Griffin and visited several old-age pensioners. The children had brought packages of fruit and chocolate to give away, and one of the smallest thoughtfully added a few potatoes. At each home the children sang familiar, well-loved carols simply and beautifully, as children always do, before

leaving their gifts. Many of the old folks were touched and delighted beyond words at this generous action in the true spirit of Christmas by the youngest children.

December 31—President Reynolds and Brother Wardle celebrated the New Year at Scarborough by cooking and serving a chicken dinner which will be remembered for a very long time. After the very substantial meal,



Michael Reynolds of Scarborough

those that had the energy to do so enjoyed dancing and games. During the evening, Brother Michael Reynolds, who had been called on a full-time mission, was presented with a pen and pencil set as a farewell gift from the branch members.

January 4—Nelson MIA planned a moonlight hike to Pendle Hill, a beauty spot some seven miles distant. Leaving the town centre at 8.15 p.m., a stalwart party of eleven were soon tucking into hot soup and sandwiches amid the deep snow on the top of Pendle. The walk back to town in the clear, frosty moonlight night took a little over two hours.

January 21—Nelson Branch held the first social since the branch was reopened. A hall was hired in the nearby town of Colne for the occasion. Brother John Hall organised the dancing whilst Brother George Holmes took care of the games. Brother Hathaway made the trip over from Burnley to do his comedy Cockney act. The highlight of the evening was the clog dancing of Mr. Whittaker, a sprightly 70-year-old local celebrity. Although not a member of the Church, he claims his youthful vitality is due to living the Word of Wisdom plus plenty of exercise and fresh air. A reporter and photographer from the local group of newspapers attended this noteworthy event and were interested in hearing about the principles of the Gospel as well as the ambitious plans for the future made by this lively branch.

Engagement

Abbott – Hirst—Francis Leslie Abbott, Sunday School Superintendent of Dublin Branch and Patricia Mary Hirst of Oldham Ward announced their engagement on January 28.

Marriage

Quinton – Smith—Brother Benjamin J. Quinton flew 7,000 miles from his Santa Barbara, California, home to claim his bride, Sister Jeannie Smith of Burnley. Brother Quinton, who was born in Norwich, emigrated to the United States in 1910, and it was whilst holidaying in Burnley last summer that he met Sister Smith. The wedding ceremony was conducted by Brother Horace de Boo in the Burnley Chapel on January 11. The bride was given away by her son, James, and another son, Fred, acted as groomsman. Mrs. Joan Bainbridge was the matron of honour, and the best man was Brother Albert Pickup.

This month we honour . . .

Derek A. Cuthbert

by Pamela Johnson

DEREK ALFRED CUTHBERT, president of the newly created Leicester Stake, has during his twelve years of membership in the Church been noted for the way he combines a deep appreciation of spiritual values with brilliant administrative efficiency. His boundless enthusiasm and energy have made him a by-word with those who have been fortunate enough to have been closely associated with him in various Church activities. The way in which he can extract twice as much from an hour's work as anyone else has been a constant source of amazement to his friends.

President Cuthbert was born in Nottingham in 1926. He married Muriel Olive Mason in Nottingham in May 1945 and they have six children whose ages range from thirteen to two years.

After leaving Nottingham High School he joined the R.A.F. and served for two years in Burma and Hong Kong. His knowledge of the particularly difficult Japanese language made his services in Intelligence invaluable at the end of the war.

He took a B.A. degree in Economics and Law at Nottingham University after demobilisation, and was elected Secretary of the University Athletic Club. He is at present a member of the Committee of Convocation of Nottingham University.

Since his baptism, President Cuthbert has filled many positions of leadership in the Church, which have included Mission MIA Board member, President of the Nottingham Branch, First Counsellor in the Nottingham District Presidency, Mission Assistant Supervisor for Aaronic Priesthood and First Counsellor in the British Mission Presidency. In addition he has filled three district missions during the past ten years.

His work among the Aaronic Priesthood made him greatly loved by the boys who knew him, and because he maintained a regular correspondence with every boy aged between 12 and 19 in five districts, there are a considerable number of boys who regard him as a close personal friend and look to him as an ideal.

It seems incredible that he can still find time to relax and enjoy a hobby. Penmanship heads the list of his spare-time activities, and as a qualified athletics coach he still likes to keep in trim by throwing the javelin and discus.

Derek Cuthbert has the great gift of inspiring those with whom he associates to excel in whatever they are asked to do. As the first native-born stake president to be called to preside in Great Britain he carries with him the love, prayers, support and confidence of the people over whom he presides.

British Statistics

BIRTHS AND BLESSINGS

British Mission

Tarrant : To Arthur Bernard and Leonora Sahnow Tarrant of St. Albans, a son, Brian Lawrence, born June 30, 1955; blessed December 4, 1960, by Ralph S. Mount.

Kaeo : To Clevis Leilani and Rita Mary Kaeo of Stroud, a daughter, Donna Kealoha, born January 7, 1960; blessed September 4, 1960, by Edward H. Morgan.

English : To Peter Radford and Alma Audrey Goodwin English of Crawley, a son, John Frank, born January 24, 1960; blessed March 6, 1960, by Peter R. English.

Evenden : To Norman and Barbara Sinclair Allwood Evenden of Crawley, a daughter, Rosemary, born July 26, 1960; blessed September 4, 1960, by Michael Stevens.

Gillett : To John R. Gillett and Sheila E. Wilkins Gillett of Crawley, a son, Peter, born May 6, 1959; blessed April 10, 1960, by Stirling Slack.

Gillett : To John R. and Sheila E. Wilkins Gillett of Crawley, a son, Gillian, born March 13, 1956; blessed April 10, 1960, by Roger Campbell.

East : To William K. and Elizabeth A. Russell East of Luton, a son, Mathew James, born October 8, 1960; blessed November 6, 1960, by William K. East.

Sevy : To George Warren and Dorothy May Butlin Sevy of Norwich, a daughter, Karen Fenella, born November 26, 1960; blessed February 5, 1961, by Bert W. Martins.

Sevy : To George Warren and Dorothy May Butlin Sevy of Norwich, a daughter, Christine Dorothy, born May 30, 1953; blessed February 5, 1961, by Bert W. Martins.

Adcock : To Dennis Robert George and Joyce Barbara Evans Adcock of Norwich, a daughter, Jacqueline Lydia, born February 5, 1961; blessed February 5, 1961, by Thomas G. Wilson.

Kewley : To Derek and Shirley A. Nutt Kewley of Grinstead, a son, John H. Kewley, born August 29, 1960; blessed December 4, 1960, by Selvoy J. Boyer.

Kewley : To Derek and Shirley A. Nutt Kewley of Grinstead, a son, Christopher S. Kewley, born May 14, 1959; blessed December 4, 1960, by Cecil Kearns.

Willden : To William Ernest Robert and Hilda Hopley Willden of Coventry, a son, Dale Maurice, born January 3, 1961, blessed February 5, 1961, by Albert C. Austin.

Pritchard : Ao Anthony Keith and Alma Doreen Alice Taylor Pritchard of Derby, a son, Mark Anthony, born April 19, 1958; blessed January 22, 1961, by Edwin Ernest Taylor.

Johnson : To Frank and Gloria Joan Cholerton of Derby, a son, Howard Russell, born April 19, 1958; blessed January 22nd, 1961, by Gordon W. Sherlock.

Johnson : To Frank and Gloria Joan Cholerton Johnson of Derby, a son, Nigel Frank Johnson, born August 12, 1953; blessed January 22nd, 1961, by Geoffrey Taylor.

Le Grice : To Donald Frank and Pamela Elsie Long Le Grice of Lowestoft, a son, David John, born December 30, 1960; blessed February 5, 1961, by Donald F. Le Grice.

Turner : To Albert Norman and Bobbie Lee Herman Turner of Chelmsford, a son, Albert Norman, born October 17, 1952; blessed October 30, 1960, by Robert H. Wheeler.

Turner : To Albert Norman and Bobbie Lee Herman Taylor of Chelmsford, a son, Joseph Leslie Turner, born December 17, 1953; blessed February 5, 1961, by George H. Stevens.

Rodwell : To Roy Newnham and Kathleen Anthony Rodwell of Chelmsford, a daughter, Joanna Mary Rodwell, born November 22, 1960; blessed February 5, 1961, by Robert H. Wheeler.

North British Mission

Fryer : To George Fraser and Anita Inver Hamilton Queen Fryer of Dundee West, a daughter, Shirley Anne Fryer, born November 8, 1960; blessed January 1, 1961, by George F. Fryer.

Beattie : To John and Ruth James Beattie of Belfast, a son, Robert Hugh Lyons Beattie, born November 26, 1960; blessed January 1, 1961, by James Evans Cochrane.

Douglas : To Samuel James and Maude Greer Douglas of Belfast, a daughter, Margaret Ann Douglas, born August 11, 1960; blessed September 4, 1960, by Samuel James Douglas.

Butcher : To John Neasham and Elsie Newton Butcher of West Hartlepool, a daughter,

Stephanie Jayne Butcher, born January 11, 1961; blessed January 29, 1961, by John Thomas Andrew Dale.

Sedgewick : To Denis Raymond and Millicent Evelyn Punton Sedgewick of West Hartlepool, a son, John Graham Sedgewick, born September 7, 1953; blessed January 8, 1961, by James Laurie.

Henderson : To John and Elizabeth C. Henderson of Newcastle, a son, Christopher John Henderson, born November 17, 1960; blessed January 1, 1961, by James Smillie.

Hicks : To Barry and Jean Lily Margaret McKinnon Hicks of Newton Aycliffe, a daughter, Tina Loraine Hicks, born January 28, 1961; blessed February 5, 1961, by Barry Hicks.

Gwynn : To James Clifford and Joan Bell Gwynn of Newton Aycliffe, a son, Brent Clifford Gwynn, born December 24, 1960; blessed February 5, 1961, by James Clifford Gwynn.

Hartley : To Dennis and Eva May Hartley of St. Helier, Jersey, a son, Vincent Christopher Hartley, born December 25, 1959; blessed January 22, 1961, by Gerald R. Aubery.

Caster : To Benjamin William and Joan Eugene Caster of Grimsby, a daughter, Lynda Vianne Caster, born December 19, 1954; blessed January 22, 1961, by Howard Lloyd.

Caster : To Benjamin William and Joan Eugene Gilbert Caster of Grimsby, a daughter, Jeanette Marie Caster, born July 22, 1956; blessed by Arthur R. Jenner.

Caster : To Benjamin William and Joan Eugene Gilbert Caster of Grimsby, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth Caster, born October 9, 1957; blessed by Gordon West.

ORDINATIONS

British Mission

BRISTOL

Jeffrey Hanney of Bristol to Elder

LEICESTER

Alistair Blacklaw of Coventry to Deacon
James Arthur Williamson of Eastwood to Deacon
Kristaps Redisons of Eastwood to Deacon
Michael John Fletcher of Eastwood to Deacon
John Frederick Eccleston of Coventry to Deacon
William Ernest Robert Willden of Coventry to Priest
Walter John Ashmead of Coventry to Priest
David Jesse Moran of Leicester to Deacon
Stephen Francis Moorhouse of Birmingham to Teacher
Terence Leahy of Derby to Teacher

LONDON

Michael John Dockrill of Reading to Teacher
John Howard Lock of Reading to Teacher
Christopher Peter Lock of Reading to Deacon
John Richard Price of Portsmouth to Deacon
John Robert Charles Cowdrey of Portsmouth to Elder
Peter Appleby of Hemel Hempstead to Elder
Leslie Alfred Lloyd of Luton to Priest
Maurice Arthur Lavender of Luton to Teacher
Fredrick William Taplin of Stevenage to Elder
Arthur Bernard Tarrant of St. Albans to Teacher
Gilbert Edward Tolworthy of St. Albans to Deacon
Robert Theodore Tolworthy of St. Albans to Deacon
Geoffrey Holmes of St. Albans to Elder
John Brian Smith of Reading to Elder
John R. C. Cowdrey of Portsmouth to Elder
Ivor W. James of Oxford to Elder

NORTHAMPTON

Peter White of Northampton to Teacher
Brian Wade of Northampton to Priest
Stuart Harvey Hudson of Northampton to Priest
Harry Ernest Litchfield of Northampton to Priest
Lawrence Hughes Cummings of Northampton to Priest
Colin Royston Lewis of Kidderminster to Teacher

NORWICH

Alan Christopher Jacobs of Norwich to Teacher
Albert Williams of Gorleston to Teacher
Stephen Michael Sheldrake of Ipswich to Deacon
Vincent Kofoed Nelson, Jr., of Cambridge to Teacher
Ernest Blaine Sevy of Norwich to Teacher
Reginald Vernon Creed of Norwich to Deacon
Thomas Robert Nobbs of Norwich to Deacon
Leland Everard Sevy of Norwich to Deacon
Norris Aiden Jones of Cambridge to Teacher
Paul Darby of Cambridge to Teacher
Michael William Childs of Ipswich to Deacon
Ivan Nicholas Mingham of Gorleston to Deacon
Michael Stanley Rabbits of Chelmsford to Deacon
Joseph Critch of Chelmsford to Deacon
Raymond Leslie Clark of Chelmsford to Deacon
John Henry Emerson of Ipswich to Elder

WALES

Ronald James Bater of Swansea to Deacon
Barry Jones of Swansea to Deacon
Michael Jones of Swansea to Deacon
Eric Charles Ore of Bridgend to Deacon
Bryan William Hemmings of Blackwood to Priest
James Parsons Ore of Bridgend to Deacon
John Joseph Wright of Cardiff to Elder
Kenneth Charles Forward of Pontypool to Elder
David John Harman of Merthyr Tydfil to Elder
Lionel Benjamin Forrester of Swansea to Deacon
Leslie William Terrence George Headington of Newport, Mon. to Deacon.
John Leslie Victor Headington of Newport, Mon. to Deacon.
Joshua Mayers Parry of Newport, Mon. to Deacon
David John Harman of Merthyr Tydfil to Elder
Alex Harold Morgan of Cardiff to Deacon
Cyril Charles Ore of Bridgend to Deacon
John Jervis Peel-Yates of Bridgend to Deacon
Barrie Wayne Wilfred Daines of Cardiff to Deacon
Fredrick Crawford Snaith of Bridgend to Deacon

North British Mission

HULL

John Taylor Hawkins of Beverley to a Teacher
Roy Arthur Leslie Green to a Teacher
Jeffrey Vyse of Gainsborough to a Deacon
David Spriggens of Gainsborough to a Deacon
Joseph George Gore of York to a Deacon
Barry Frederick Watts of Scunthorpe to a Deacon
John Wylie of Beverley to a Teacher
Robert James Young of Beverley to a Deacon
Christopher Paul Gadon of Beverley to a Deacon
Kenneth Walton of Grimsby to a Priest
John Frederick Scot Readhead of York to a Deacon
Malcolm Anthony Luker of York to a Deacon
David Marsh Grocock of Gainsborough to a Deacon
John William Gore of York to a Deacon

IRELAND
Timothy William Clinch of Dublin to Deacon
Denis Horner of West Belfast to Deacon
George Albert Stewart of Londonderry to Deacon
Clive Barkfield Kilgour of Londonderry to a Deacon
Robert Wilson Steen of Belfast to a Deacon
Peter John Shields of Belfast to a Deacon

NEWCASTLE
Albert Ahley Hill of Sunderland to a Priest
Malcolm Hill of Sunderland to a Deacon
Derek Leadley of Sunderland to a Teacher
Alan Moore of Sunderland to a Deacon
Cecil Pearon of Sunderland to a Teacher
William Booth Smith of Sunderland to a Deacon

PRESTON
Terry Day of Preston to a Deacon
Michael William Stanley of Preston to a Deacon
Robert Stanley of Preston to a Deacon

SCOTLAND
William Darling of Glasgow
Louis Joseph Giboin of Glasgow to Deacon
Louis Joseph Giboin of Glasgow to Teacher
Louis Joseph Giboin of Glasgow to Priest
Michael Seeman of Glasgow to a Deacon
Thomas Mirton Gleming Wilson of Glasgow to Priest
Robert Dowdles of Paisley to Deacon
Hugh Mathieson Roass of Dundee East to Deacon
John Gilchrist of Paisley to an Elder
Thomas Morton Fleming Wilsou of Glasgow to an Elder
Louis Joseph Giboin of Glasgow to an Elder
James Thomas Watson of Drumchapel to an Elder

SHEFFIELD
Henry Storrs of Doncaster to a Teacher
John Leslie Marshall of Sheffield to a Deacon
George Edward Wyatt of Doncaster to a Teacher
Russell R. Drummond of Doncaster to an Elder

Manchester Stake

Peter Sumpter of Keighley to a Deacon
Barry McNulty of Keighley to a Deacon
Richard Bradley Meldrom of Harrogate to a Priest

BAPTISMS

British Mission

BRISTOL

Alan Alfred Arbon of Cheltenham
Ralph Richard Arbon of Cheltenham
Margaret Duncan of Gloucester
Sheena Duncan of Gloucester
Olive Gwendoline Tavener of Bristol
Christopher Paul Pike of Cheltenham
David Raymond Pike of Cheltenham
Roger Davies of Gloucester
Jill Margaret Oxley of Cheltenham
Veronica Constance Eleanor Wootten of Bristol
Patricia Lillian Evelyn Wootten of Bristol
Lily Patricia Swain of Bristol
Barbara Brenda Arbon of Bristol
Anthony Alan Sharland of Cheltenham
Paul Richard Sharland of Cheltenham
David Rohert Sharland of Cheltenham
Patricia Elizabeth Ann Seymour of Gloucester
Norman Russell Seymour of Gloucester
Peter John Coles of Bristol
Kenneth David Adams of Bristol
Patricia Louise Blackmore of Cheltenham
Michael Robert John Blackmore of Cheltenham
James Brown MacMillan of Cheltenham
Jessie MacMillan of Cheltenham
Susan Jean Court of Bristol
Stephen Royston Webb of Bristol
Timothy Green of Cheltenham
William George Bolt of Exeter
James Joseph Killone of Plymouth
William Ronald West of Plymouth
John Roger Hearn of Plymouth
David Robertson Wells of Plymouth
Wallace Duncan of Plymouth
Kevin John Mohan of Exeter
Elizabeth Ann Bolt of Exeter
Arthur William Wilfred Bisgrove of Plymouth
Walter Edwin Wells of Newton Abbot
Sheila Emily Wells of Newton Abbot
David Stewart Rockey of Exeter
Harry Cressvell Carter of Plymouth
Kathleen Lydia Carter of Plymouth
Brian Victor Carter of Plymouth
Marilynn Joan Carter of Plymouth
Alan Richard Carter of Plymouth
Ian Philip Carter of Plymouth
Carole Elizabeth Stevens of Newton Abbot

LEICESTER
Ming Wang (Paul Mark Wang) of Birmingham
Minnie Maddox of Wolverhampton
Edwin Henry Blower of Birmingham
Edwin Malcolm Blower of Birmingham
Lynne Cathrine Davis of Wolverhampton
Anthony Leo Edward Hayes of Birmingham
Judith Margaret Young of Worcester
Dennis Hayden Russell of Worcester
Alice Mary Perkins of Wolverhampton
Phyliss Alexander of Wolverhampton
Jane Stephens of Wolverhampton
Josephine Perkins of Wolverhampton
Colin Thomas Fidoe of Wolverhampton
Trevor Aurther Stevens of Birmingham
Eric Gordon Stevens of Birmingham
Keith William Johnson of Nuneaton
Stuart John Randall of Northampton
Peter Jones of Coventry
Vivienne Katbleen Deyes of Nuneaton
Gloria Douglas Black of Rugby
Anthony Edward Sharman of Coventry
Avis Jeannette Tansley of Nuneaton
Robert Hill of Coventry
Robert Gordon Walker of Northampton
Pamela Fuge of Nuneaton
Marjorie Leigh Jones of Coventry
Dianna Mary Georgina Callard of Worcester
Barry Naish of Leicester
Joan Doreen Murray of Loughborough
Samuel King Murray of Loughborough
Stuart Grabam Fisher of Loughborough
Sandra Elizaheth Fisher of Loughborough
June Doreen Evans of Loughborough
Stephen Paul Baker of Derby
Trevor William Gent of Leicester
Anthony Gent of Leicester
John Hill of Leicester
Susan Hill of Leicester
Kathleen Jones of Leicester
Michael Jones of Leicester
Terence Dennis Bedford of Leicester
Jilian Patricia Bedford of Leicester
Patrick McWalter Fothergill of Leicester
Janet Elizabeth Bellamy of Leicester
Margaret Ann Bellamy of Leicester
Joyce McLaughlin of Derby
Terence Boffin of Nuneaton
John Gregory of Stoke-on-Trent
Elizabeth Alison Wilson of Stoke-on-Trent
Ian Walter Wilson of Stoke-on-Trent
Marlene Gebbie Wilson of Stoke-on-Trent

Lilian Gregory of Stoke-on-Trent
Barbara Steele of Stoke-on-Trent
Gary Victor Jones of Stoke-on-Trent
Anthony Copeland Heath of Stoke-on-Trent
Allan Yates of Stoke-on-Trent
David William Jones of Stoke-on-Trent
Ronald Gordon Yates of Stoke-on-Trent
Michael Lawton of Stoke-on-Trent
Clinton George Hall of Stoke-on-Trent
Yvonne Holdcroft of Stoke-on-Trent
Lynda Mary Gallagher of Nottingham
Patricia Ann Gallagher of Nottingham
Vincent Lawrence Wigglesworth of Nottingham
Kathleen Clifford of Nottingham
John Walter Smith of Lincoln
Stephen Vincent Wigglesworth of Nottingham
Barbara Margaret Hunter Wigglesworth of Nottingham
Michael David Alcock of Nottingham
Edward John Brierley of Nottingham
Sandra Christine Vzzell of Lincoln
Lynda Bernice Vzzell of Lincoln
Jennifer Ann Hollingsworth of Lincoln
Nora Ann Housley of Eastwood
Jean Marie Adams of Nottingham
John Charles Smith of Nottingham
Carry Clifford of Nottingham
Kenneth John Brown of Eastwood
Margaret Rose Thacker of Lincoln
Denis Thacker of Lincoln
Constance Irene Hollingsworth of Lincoln
Pauline Smith of Mansfield
Ann Kaniuk of Mansfield
Christine Kaniuk of Mansfield
Christine Edna Fell of Mansfield
Glenys Rose Fell of Mansfield
Blanche Wilcox of Lincoln
Robert Gray of Mansfield
Michael Smith of Mansfield
Terence Allen of Mansfield
Kathleen Severn of Eastwood
Melvin Fox of Eastwood
Carol Linda Redisons of Eastwood

LONDON

Valerie Ann Christene Church of Catford
Jean Lilian Newman of Romford
Olive May Rhodes of Romford
Charles Henry Hale of Romford
John Anthony Brown of Romford
William High Murray of Romford
Phoebe Doris Carroll Johnson of Romford
Richard Leonard Johnson of Romford
Thomas Allen Johnson of Romford
Graham Way of Epsom
Andrew John Way of Epsom
David Peter Hawkins of Epsom
Carol Ann Piper of Croydon
David Shirley of Croydon
Lawrence Keith Brickle of Croydon
Christopher Hutchings of Croydon
Patricia Ann Wise of Basildon
Peter Douglas Wise of Basildon
Maud Ellen Cave of Basildon
Stella Alice Margory of Southend-on-Sea
Dorothy Mabel Barrow of Southend-on-Sea
Kathleen Rosea May Barrow of Southend-on-Sea
Hazelle Rosealind Smith of Basildon
Dorothy Irene Gladys Munro of Southend-on-Sea
Ethel Florence May Clark of Southend-on-Sea
Christine Florence Freegard of Basildon
Terrence William Osborne of Gravesend
Dorothy Rosemary Colgate Rowden of Gravesend
Patricia Ann Crane of South London
Dorna Margarett Earle of South London
Pamela Rita Bryant of South London
Howard Earl Pearsall, Jr., of Hyde Park
Howard Earl Pearsall of Hyde Park
Colleen Mae Pearsall of Hyde Park
Kathie Lynn Pearsall of Hyde Park
Elaine Sime of South London
Michael Fredrick Thomas Percy Oakley of South London
Gordon Milner of South London
Maureen Frances Milner of South London
Dennis James Milner of South London
Frank Leonard Woodham of South London
May Louisa Head of South London
Brian Edward Head of South London
Monica Kathleen Conybeare of Hyde Park
Edward Conybeare of Hyde Park
Brenda Patricia Russell of South London
Rosemary Leonard of South London
Josephine Lilian Leonard of South London
Susan Catherine Elizabeth Leonard of South London
Stephen Jeffrey Piascott of Gravesend
Beryl Grace Heard of Hyde Park
Rosemary Lee of Gravesend
Veronica Duffy of South London
Colin Denis Badgrie of South London
Brenda Dorthey Heard of Hyde Park
May Louisa Head of South London
Janice Ann Crimpling of South London
Shirley Patricia Anderson of Southend-on-Sea
Colin Arthur Anderson of Southend-on-Sea
Nina May McCarthy of Basildon
John Gerald McNally of Luton
Peter John Gaffney of Welwyn Garden City
Christine Bush of Hemel Hempstead
David John Parrotte of Hemel Hempstead
Jean Bush of Hemel Hempstead
Kenneth Parrotte of Hemel Hempstead
Dennis Andrew Harter of Welwyn Garden City
Brian David Jakes of Welwyn Garden City
David Graham Wood of Welwyn Garden City
David William Alan Spence of Welwyn Garden City
Peter Colin Sarl of Welwyn Garden City
Jean Mary Honnor of Stevenage
Sheila Mary Terrant of St. Albans
Mary Richardson of St. Albans
Eleanor Johnson of St. Albans
James Arthur Alfred Palmer of Luton
Pamela Marie Palmer of Luton
Brian Dennis Spence of Welwyn Garden City
Leslie Pexton of Hemel Hempstead
Alan Patrick Fiffe of Stevenage
Christine Yvonne Lindsey of Hemel Hempstead
Edward Charles Johnson of St. Albans
Graham Richardson of St. Albans
Rosemary Richardson of St. Albans
Peter John Byrne of St. Albans
Michael James Wilkins of Portsmouth
Michael George Harris of Portsmouth
Matilda Travis of Bournemouth
Lillian Tunmore of Bournemouth
Sylvia Parker of Bournemouth
Diane Peggy Pansy Ricketts of Portsmouth
Victoria Mary Bumpstead of Bournemouth
Hector Allan MacDonald of Bournemouth
Joan Elizabeth Burn Jenkins of Crawley
Charles William Ernest Lock of Crawley
Violet Watts Lock of Crawley
Robert William Stainsby of Crawley
Elsie Margaret Wicking Stainsby of Crawley
Robert Richard Stainsby of Crawley
Robert Jan Barber of Crawley
Michael Ernest Barber of Crawley
Franz Held of Crawley
Richard Charles Emery of Brighton
Elizabeth Ann Emery of Brighton
Maria Ann Emery of Brighton
Caroline Jean Emery of Brighton
William Paul Emery of Brighton
Rose Ellen Kennison of Crawley
Stanley Charles Goodwin, Jr., of Crawley
Doreen May Goodwin of Crawley
Nadine Veronica Edwards of Crawley
Irene Barber of Crawley
Lilian Emery of Brighton
Arvis Mary Pearcy of Brighton
Judith Pearcy of Brighton
Kelsey May Ireland of Crawley
Colleen Scrase Winesome of North London
Eric Albert Scrase of North London
David Stanley Law of North London
Ian William Aitchson of St. Albans

Maureen Susan Gorf of North London
Derek Gerald Humphreys of North London
Michael Barry Smith of North London
David Lawrence Debonnaire of St. Albans
Jeremy Nicholas Debonnaire of St. Albans
Stanley Norman Graham of St. Albans
Vera Bartrip of North London
Carole Ann Brown of North London
Adora Gertrude Carmody of North London
Paul Kenneth Willis of North London
Halina Sophie Zagorska of St. Albans
Francis Peter Zagorska of St. Albans
Teresa Zagorska of St. Albans
Margaret Zagorska of St. Albans
Thomas Edward Gardner of Winchester Sunday School
Elaine Ilene Robinson Gardner of Winchester Sunday School
Kathleen Ann Alben of Aldershot Sunday School
Stephen Joseph Alhen of Aldershot Sunday School
June Hilden of Aldershot Sunday School
Thomas Henry Homes of Winchester Sunday School
Nancy May Hodges of Winchester Sunday School
William Conway Taylor of Guildford Sunday School
Peter Alfred Welford of Reading
Edith Hilda Aves Clark of Oxford
Fredriek John Franeis Clark of Oxford
Ronald John Froude of Reading
Terrence John House of Reading
Thelma Wileox Green of Reading
Leonard Green of Reading
Wendy Ann House of Reading
Garry Maleolm Froude of Reading
Susan Mary Froude of Reading
David John Turner of Reading
Janet Elsie Evans of Reading
Rosalind Jane House of Reading

NORWICH

Tony Novosad of Ipswich
June Ann Turner of Chelsmford
Karen Elizaheth Krimbow of Chelmsford
Ivan Barry Wright of Ipswich
Josephine Ann Amelia Richer of Colchester
Edward Johnie Holloway of Chelmsford
Glynis Doreen Dowsett of Chelmsford
Christopher Robert Holloway of Chelmsford
June Rose Hilling of Ipswich
Terence Peter Gardiner of Ipswich
Anthony Brian Gardiner of Ipswich
Roger John Wilkin of Colchester
John Leslie Ames of Colchester
Riehard Lenord Beeson of Colchester
Michael Novosad (Tony) of Ipswich
Jane Louise Manes of Norwich
Sheila Ann Manes of Norwich
Tommy Louie Manes of Norwich
Ivan Nicolas Mingham of Gorleston
Trevor Gordon Creed of Norwich
Marsha Gloria Jean Frasier of Norwich
Christine Elizabeth Howlett of Lowestoft
Gloria Carol Gravells of Lowestoft
Ann Harding of Gorleston
Janet Harding of Gorleston
Alan Henry David Sparkes of Gorleston
James Alcroft of Norwich
Audrey Alcroft of Norwich
Margaret Helen Smith of Gorleston
Pauline Havers of Norwich
Ann Maria Graves of Cambridge
Lueretia Phyllis Thompson of Gorleston
Thomas Henry Sparkes of Gorleston
Mann Joyce Lilian Cullum of Lowestoft
Penelope Flint of Lowestoft
Doreen Elizabeth Winifred Wyne of Gorleston
James Lyndsay of Gorleston
Anthony Bartram of Gorleston
Roger Lomond Price of Gorleston
Anthony George Leggett of Norwich
Yvonne Mary Long of Lowestoft
Kathleen Ann Brice of Lowestoft
Anthony Peter Beenham of Lowestoft
Alan Robert Peek of Lowestoft
Terrance Graham Smy of Lowestoft
Kenneth Eugene Wilson of Norwich
Gordon Edward Burden of Lowestoft
Patricia Joyce Burden of Lowestoft
John Maleolm Gordon Burden of Lowestoft
Lynne June Clark of Lowestoft
George Henry James Ernest Green of Lowestoft
Maureen Sanford of Lowestoft
Olga Rogers of Lowestoft
Reginald Robert Halliday of Lowestoft
John Edward Halliday of Lowestoft
Jennifer Mary Halliday of Lowestoft
George Beales of Gorleston
Joseph Criteh of Norwich

WALES

Eileen Gertrud Forrester of Swansea
Lionel Benjamin Forrester of Swansea
John Jerius Peel-Yates of Cardiff
Cyril Charles Ore of Cardiff
Fredriek Crawford Snaith of Bridgend
Paul Leonard Walters of Newport
Ann Elizabeth Sheen of Cardiff
Phillip Thomas Daines of Cardiff
Shelia Fuller of Blackwood
Patricia Fuller of Blackwood
Edwin Arthur Lloyd of Swansea
Terranee John Lydiard of Swansea
Robert William Davies of Swansea
Alex Harold Morgan of Cardiff
Timothy Fuller of Blackwood
Joshua Mayers Parry of Newport
Michael John Robins of Cardiff
Kenneth Brian Lydiard of Swansea
Margaret Lydiard of Swansea
Clara Lilian Joan Harling Lane of Cardiff
Lawrenee James Lane of Cardiff
Leslie William Terranee George Headington of Newport
John Leslie Victor Headington of Newport
Caroline Elizabeth Headington of Newport
Phyliss Doreen Hill of Bridgend-Cardiff
Cyril Peter Murray Hill of Bridgend-Cardiff
Myra Elizabeth Hill of Bridgend-Cardiff
Robert William Hill of Bridgend-Cardiff
Henrietta Hill of Bridgend-Cardiff

North British Mission

HULL

Josephine Elsie Clark of Beverley
Maleolm Anthony Luker of York
John David Smith of Gainsborough
G. Elizabeth West of Gainsborough
Robert James West of Gainsborough
Ernest Rowland West of Gainsborough
Patricia Ann Clarkson of Gainsborough
Derek Ward of Goole
Doreen Margaret Simmonds of Beverley
Doreen Mary Newton of Beverley
Maureen Simpson of Beverley
Carol Roberts Hudson of Beverley
Betty Elizabeth Oldridge of Goole
Elaine Aeaster of Goole
Wendy Ward of Goole
Linda Ward of Goole
John Kenneth Roper of Grimsby
Noreen Ann Grainser of Grimsby
Phillip Cox of Scunthorpe
Sandra Parry of Goole
Elaine Smith of Goole
Patricia Broadhead of Goole
John Frederiek Seot Redhead of York
Jeffrey Hillyer of York
David William Pearee of York
John Franeis Gibson of Scarborough
Anthony Paul Johnson of York
Miehael Ronald Johnson of York
Graham Foster of Goole

IRISH DISTRICT

Maria Patricia Celene McMullan of West Belfast
Geraldine Frances Delours McMullan of West Belfast
Emily Noelle Morehead of Dublin
William Henry Richard Palmer of Larne
Ruby Delores Chambers of Portadown
Florence Somerset of West Belfast
Reginald Thompson of West Belfast
Martha Thompson of West Belfast
Denis Horner of West Belfast
Dorothy McBroom of Portadown

ISLE OF MAN

Hazel Anne Allcote of the Isle of Man
Darrell Allcote of the Isle of Man

NEWCASTLE

Eileen Charlton of Newcastle
Gloria Charlton of Newcastle
Linda Thomson of Newcastle
Veronica Teresa Zaccarini of Carlisle
Robert Byron Purves of South Shield
Peter Appleby of West Hartlepool
David Appleby of West Hartlepool
Beryl Burgess of Newcastle
Maurice McGurk of South Shields
Michael Liddle of South Shields
Brenda Liddle of South Shields
Kenneth Liddle of South Shields
Joan Duff Garvock of South Shields
Brian Liddle of South Shields
Alfred Mansell of Carlisle
Edwin Mansell of Carlisle
Anette Davies of Carisle
Alan Davies of Carlisle
Trudy Graham of Peterlee
Yvonne Coleby of Newton Aycliffe

PRESTON

Kevin Harrison of Blackburn
Sylvia Moss of Lancaster
Anthony John Glass of Burnley
Alan Hartley of Burnley
David Harrison of Blackburn
Beatrice Sergeant of Preston
Shirley Edith Hall of Preston
Susan Pearl Hall of Preston
Christine Norma Mainwaring of Preston
Stephen Grenz of Preston
Robert Jackson of Nelson
Elizabeth Thornton of Burnley
Barbara Rangeley of Rawtenstall
Margaret Rangeley of Rawtenstall
Margaret Bainbridge of Rawtenstall
Ian James Kirby of Preston
Dennis George Kirby of Preston
William Thomas Fred Wilson of Preston
Robert Charles Smith of Scunthorpe
Christopher John Watson of Southport
Michael Paul Doughty of Preston
Christopher John Doughty of Preston
Denise Elaine Noble of West Hartlepool

SCOTTISH DISTRICT

Beatrice Cuthbertson of Kirkcaldy
Douglas Arthur Rice of Dunfermline
Janet Ann Rice of Dunfermline
Elizabeth Berry Muffet Conner of Dunfermline
Patrick Mac Ilvanny Ferguson of Kilmarnock
Ian John Orr of Kilmarnock
John Kidd of Kilmarnock
William Kerr Dick of Kilmarnock
Esther Violet Glass of Ayr
Nellie Helen Macintosh of Ayr
Jane McCord Murdock of Ayr
Elliss Margaret McLeod of Ayr
Robert Bone of Ayr
William Dodds Duffey of Edinburgh
Allister Duffy of Edinburgh
Alexander Duffy of Edinburgh
Victor Duffy of Edinburgh
James Mallon MacMillian of Drumchapel
Sarah MacMillian of Drumchapel
Jack Everett of Drumchapel
Jane Carlton Everett of Drumchapel
Margaret Susan Gray of Airdrie
Mary Mathew McIntosh of Airdrie
Hugh Mathieson Ross of Dundee East
Kathleen Bell Fountain of Paisley
John Andrew Fountain of Paisley
Alexander Wright Milne of Drumchapel
Helen Campbell Milne of Drumchapel
Margaret Anne Milne of Drumchapel
Christina McCorrie of Drumchapel
Anne Murrey McCorrie of Drumchapel
Elizabeth McIntosh of Airdrie
Margaret McIntosh of Airdrie
John Douglas Kerr of Airdrie
Edward Terrence Dignam of Airdrie
Ronald Hicks of Airdrie
James Reid of Airdrie
Robert Morrison Ogg Reid of Airdrie
John Gibb McCormick of Airdrie
Brian Alexander Scott of Perth
Thomas Balbain Scott of Perth
Allan Douglas Scott of Perth
Raymond Scott of Perth
June Sloan of Glasgow
Patricia Lincoln of Aberdeen
Charles Camron MacKay of Inverness
James Tremble Ferguson of Kilmarnock
Hector Cassidy Hillan of Kilmarnock
Gordon Stewart Hill of Kilmarnock
Robert Smith Hill of Kilmarnock
Patrick John Noble of Kilmarnock
John Steele Dempster Puddick of Kilmarnock
Ronald Kitchen of Kilmarnock
Thomas Gordon Armour of Ayr
Isabell Stevens Thomson of Edinburgh
Robert Webster of Falkirk
Jean Niffer Stoddart of Falkirk
James Vincent McDonald Rose Hamilton of Stirling
Neil Arthur Lundie of Kirkcaldy
James Morrison McGill Thomson of Drumchapel
David Carson of Drumchapel
William Angus Jamieson of Drumchapel
William Lavender Andrew of Drumchapel
Andrew Ewing Tait of Drumchapel
Andrew Law of Airdrie
Steven Law of Airdrie
Karl Thomas Gordon Ingram of Airdrie
Alan McLaughlan of Airdrie
Christian MacIntosh of Airdrie
Elise Jan Adam of Paisley
Robert Armstrong Stewart of Glasgow
Alexanderine Somerville of Kirkcaldy
James Herd Sharp of Kirkcaldy
Robert Ramsey Wardlow Drysdale of Kirkcaldy
Margaret Scobie Butler of Dunfermline
Henry Crawford Butler of Dunfermline
Margaret Scobie Butler of Dunfermline
John Gillian Collin of Edinburgh
William Renwick of Edinburgh
June Margaret Renwick of Edinburgh
Anne Cameron Mackay of Inverness
Eunice Cameron Mackay of Inverness
Norma Mackay of Inverness
Andrew Carle Hastie of Aberdeen
Morag McCaument Minto of Kilmarnock
Helen Harris Fultin of Kilmarnock
Jean Yuill of Kilmarnock
Maureen Steal of Kilmarnock
Hilary Armour of Ayr
Robin Halliday of Ayr
Robert McGill Dillon of Ayr
Clifford Ernest Thornton of Dunfermline
Mary Clark Thornton of Dunfermline
William Thornton Bruce of Kirkcaldy
Gordon Smith of Aberdeen
William Renwick of Edinburgh
June Margaret Renwick of Edinburgh
John Gillian Collins of Edinburgh

Brenda Welch of Edinburgh
Christine Cameron Anderson of Paisley
Ronald McNich of Paisley
Robina Wingate Innes of Stirling
John Innes of Stirling
Conrad Frank Langer of Stirling
Cornelius McIluanny Hillian of Kilmarnock
John McIluanny Kitchen of Kilmarnock
Donald Patterson of Ayr
Patricia Rose Patterson of Ayr
Jacqueline Patterson of Ayr
Mary Lorimer Boyle of Ayr
Sandra Manclark of Airdrie
James Ina Byers of Airdrie
Benjamin Winn Brown Manelark of Airdrie
David Gibson Conroy of Drumchapel

SHEFFIELD
Christopher Dutton of Barnsley
Lesley Purvis of Doncaster
Philip John Edwards of Barnsley
Robert Keith Edwards of Barnsley
David Arthur Hale of Barnsley

Manchester Stake

Terence Michael Gibson of Liverpool
Kenneth Joplin of Liverpool
Alan Joplin of Liverpool
David Joplin of Liverpool
Willie Robert of Bradford
Toney Anderson of Keighley
David Anderson of Keighley
Frank Saville of Halifax
Birdsall Liam Hunt of Halifax
John Robert Robinson of Halifax
Barry James Hodgkinson of Halifax
Stephen Arthur Grubb of Manchester
Bernard Jackson of Dewsbury
Verna Carol Taylor of Warrington
Victor Kenneth Taylor of Warrington
Arlene Margaret Taylor of Warrington
Iris May Taylor of Warrington
Irene Dorothy Taylor of Warrington
Kenneth Anthony Foy of Warrington
Tarance Brinksman of Warrington
Joseph Henry Vanes of Warrington
Berry John Vanes of Warrington
William Keith Waldren of Warrington
Neill Benson Waldren of Warrington
Robert John Henry Ashworth of Manchester
Helen Hunt of Wirral
Joseph Reason of Liverpool
Allen James Gibson of Liverpool
James Francis Hobson of Liverpool
George Albert Hobson of Liverpool
David Anthony Greenwood of Oldham
Frederick John Mayers of Oldham
Edwin John Henthorn of Oldham
May Janet Alderson of Keighley
Lynn Hawley of Keighley
Allen Mallenson of Huddersfield
Brian Cross of Huddersfield
Patricia Ann Raby of Wakefield
Elsia Raby of Wakefield
Allan Jackson of Dewsbury
Vincent Jackson of Dewsbury
Victor Jackson of Dewsbury
Titus Beaumont of Dewsbury
Paul Graham Fairclough of Liverpool
Dorothy Foscrook of Bradford
Keith Carey of Stockport
Neville Spencer Heywood of Manchester
Robert Raby of Wakefield
Anthony Lee of Wakefield
Michael Lee of Wakefield
Ann Robinson of Halifax
Gordon Smith of Halifax
Gertrude Valerio of Huddersfield
Norris Valerio of Huddersfield
Norma Patricia Mears of Liverpool
Valerie Wilcox of Liverpool
Agnes Hogan Wilcox of Liverpool
Henry Albert Freeman of Liverpool
John Stephen Freeman of Liverpool
Leslie Richard Martin of Liverpool

Missionary Activities

British Mission

ARRIVALS :

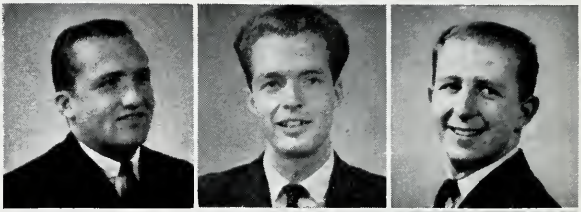
	From	*To*
February 1, 1961		
Craig Moyle Alder	Salt Lake City, Utah	Reading
Max Wallace Brown	Burley, Idaho	Norwich
Gordon Raynor Smith	Salt Lake City, Utah	Bristol
February 14, 1961		
Gayland M. Erikson	Rexburgh, Idaho	Croydon
Albert Allen Peers	Arcadia, California	South Coastal
Dan Lee Thulin	Salt Lake City, Utah	Leicester
Marian Dee Smith	Los Angeles, Calif.	West London

TRANSFERS :

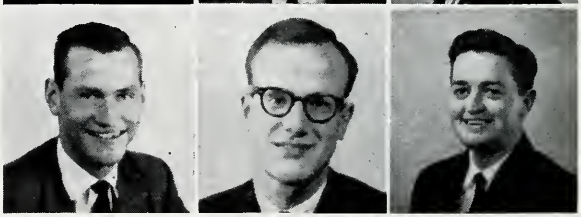
February 2, 1961		
Steven Karren	Norwich	Mission Office
Lee Hodson	Bristol	Mission Office
Gerald Smith	Reading	Mission Office
February 10, 1961		
Ivan Lines	Mission Office	Temple
Gerreld Pulsipher	Mission Office	Plymouth
Richard Mavin	Mission Office	Bristol

February 12, 1961	*From*	*To*
Lynn Davidson	Bristol	Mission Office
John Romney	Plymouth	Mission Office
Gary Fisher	North London	Mission Office
Gerald Smith	Mission Office	North London
February 15, 1961		
Kenneth Patey	Leicester	Croydon
June Clawson	West London	Plymouth
Betty Ledgard	Plymouth	Mission Office
February 26, 1961		
Larry Cook	Wales	Mission Office
Desmond Lee Johnson	South Coastal	Wales
Thomas Lythgoe	Mission Office	Central London
Sharlene Coultas	North London	Winchester

RICHARD H. MADSEN
ROGER F. JOHNSON
SYLVAN E. WOOD



MURRAY L. HARMON
SAMUEL P. SPECKHART
CLARK M. BRENCHLEY



APPOINTMENTS :

Ivan Lines appointed Supervising Elder of Temple District, effective February 10, 1961.
Richard Mavin appointed Supervising Elder of Bristol District, effective February 10, 1961.
Gerreld Pulsipher appointed Supervising Elder of Plymouth District, effective February 10, 1961.
Lynn Davidson appointed Assistant to Mission President, effective February 12, 1961.
John Romney appointed Assistant to Mission President, effective February 12, 1961.
Gary Fisher appointed Travelling Elder, effective February 12, 1961.
Thomas Lythgoe appointed Supervising Elder of Central London District, effective February 26, 1961.
Larry Cook appointed Travelling Elder, effective February 26, 1961.
Richard G. Evans appointed Mission Secretary of the British Mission, effective February 27, 1961.

RELEASES :

April 21, 1961	*From*	*Districts Laboured*
Richard H. Madsen *	Salt Lake City, Utah	South London, Mission Office, Wales
Samuel P. Speckart	Provo, Utah	Manchester, Bristol, Nottingham
Sylvan E. Wood	Boise, Idaho	Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Bristol

* Travelling Elder, Supervising Elder of the Wales District. Assistant to the Mission President.

North British Mission

ARRIVALS :

February 14, 1961	*From*	*To*
William Eugene Boardman	Paragonah, Utah	Grimsby
Brent Alvin Barlow	Centerfield, Utah	Edinburgh
David Morley Despain	Centerfield, Utah	Sheffield
Floyd Alan Fowler	Salt Lake City, Utah	North Manchester
Vearle Kay Frandsen	Shelley, Idaho	St. Helens
Dean Smith Hatch	Koosharen, Utah	Preston
Ronald James Norton	Ogden, Utah	Sheffield
Donald Robert Thorne	Ogden, Utah	Londonderry

February 28, 1961	*From*	*To*
Gene Arlan Carruth	Phoenix, Arizona	Ayr
Douglas Kay Christensen	Payson, Utah	Lake
David Peter Coldesina	Salt Lake City, Utah	Sheffield
Joel Max Cowan	Payson, Utah	Ayr
David King Graffenried	Santaquin, Utah	Durham
Oscar Bud Olson	Shelley, Idaho	North Glasgow
Errol Smith Phippen	Pocatello, Idaho	Central Glasgow
Gary Webb Stewart	Las Vegas, Nevada	Grimsby
Steven George Roden	Draper, Utah	Bradford
February 1, 1961		
Bernard F. Austin	Newcastle	Londonderry
David B. Brinton	Burnley	Belfast
Joan Brown	Preston	Newcastle
Dennis B. Chandler	Dundee	Mission Office
Rodney J. Clark	Bradford	Ayr
Margaret A. Foy	Newcastle	South Glasgow
Robert H. Kelly	St. Helens	North Manchester
Richard J. Kirkl	North Manchester	Londonderry
Kent B. Morgan	North Manchester	South Glasgow
David P. Parkinson	Mission Office	Londonderry
Morgan L. Richards	Burnley	Belfast
Brenda Riding	Preston	South Glasgow
Gaylin W. Rollins	St. Helens	Burnley
Neil D. Thorn	Liverpool	Newcastle
Carl J. Westbrook	St. Helens	Preston
February 2, 1961		
Heber J. Lloyd	Leeds	South Glasgow
George F. Thompson	Grimsby	Preston
February 3, 1961		
Bruce R. Brockbank	Kirkcaldy	Leeds
Diane Whitaker	Lake	Mission Office
Joan Brown	Preston	Lake
February 7, 1961		
Stanley M. Smedley	Burnley	Mission Office
February 8, 1961		
Blayne Burness Bennett	North Ireland	Grimsby
February 9, 1961		
James Archibald	North Manchester	North Scotland
Dennis B. Chandler	Mission Office	North Manchester
February 14, 1961		
Lynn T. Lowe	North Manchester	Londonderry
Larry P. Nuttal	Grimsby	Burnley
Norman V. Midgeley	Preston	Leeds
Richard Riley	Sheffield	Stirling
Louis C. Haynie	Leeds	Belfast
Michael McIntosh	Sheffield	Mission Office
Buddy L. Holt	St. Helens	Mission Office
Denis P. Smith	Burnley	Mission Office
February 16, 1961		
Michael Burdett	Leeds	Mission Office
February 25, 1961		
Milton Kay Hamilton	Bradford	Mission Office

APPOINTMENTS:

David P. Parkinson appointed Supervising Elder of the Londonderry District, effective February 1, 1961.
Stanley M. Smedley appointed Travelling Elder, effective February 7, 1961.
Derek Timms appointed Supervising Elder of Burnley District, effective February 13, 1961.
Richard E. Wheeler appointed Second Counsellor, effective February 20, 1961.
Marlon H. Kent appointed Travelling Elder, effective February 17, 1961.
Michael Kay Hamilton appointed Travelling Elder, effective February 25, 1961.

RELEASES:

April 21, 1961	*From*	*Districts Laboured*
Clark M. Brenchley *	Wellsville, Utah	North London, Manchester, Bradford, St. Helens
Murray L. Harmon †	Lovell, Wyoming	Scotland, Nottingham, Hull, Newcastle, Lake
Roger F. Johnson ‡	Springville, Utah	South London, Sheffield, Newcastle, Durham, Leeds

* Travelling Elder, Supervising Elder of St. Helens District.
† Travelling Elder, Supervising Elder of Newcastle District, and Lake District.
‡ Travelling Elder, Supervising Elder of Leeds District.

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